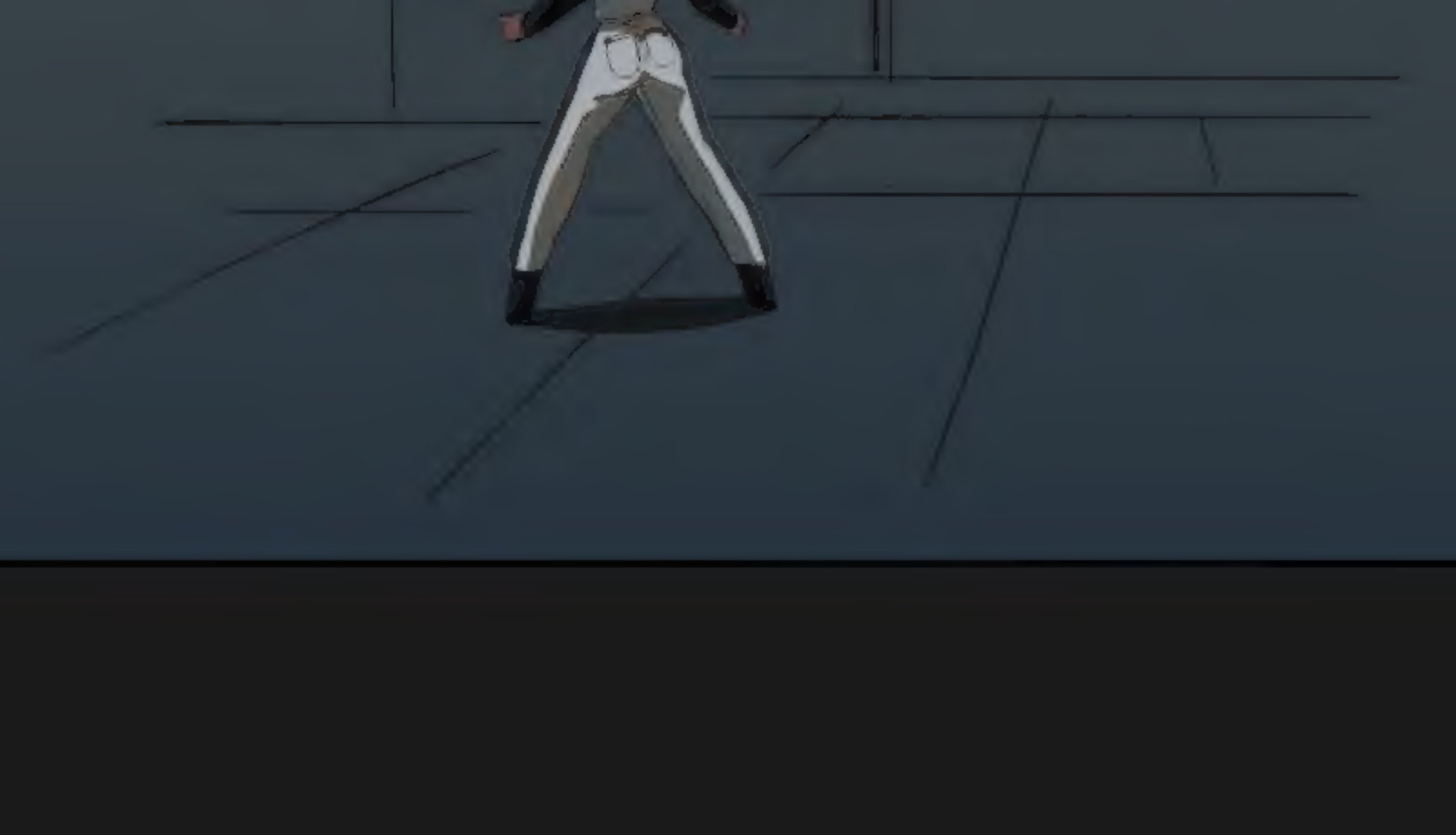
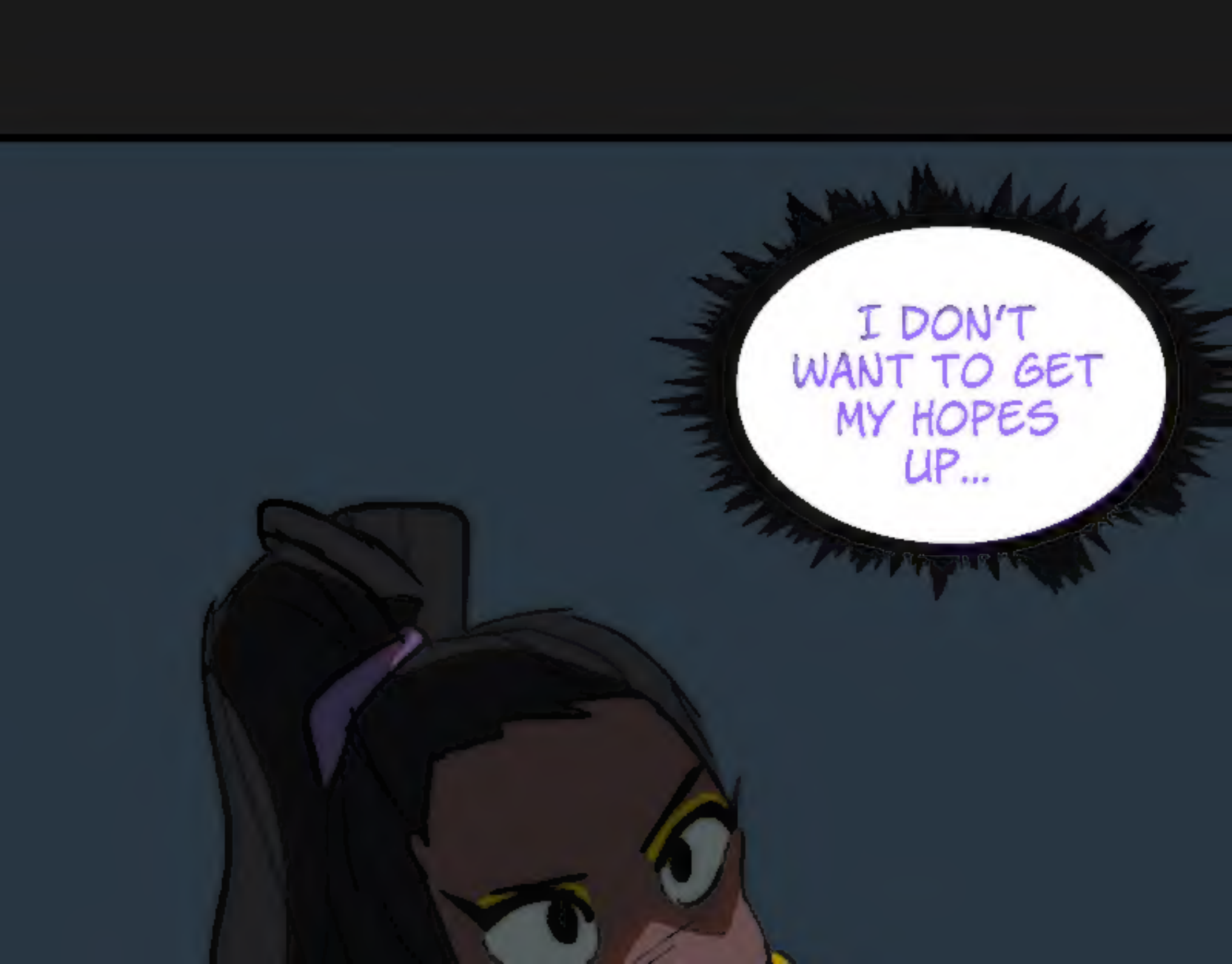
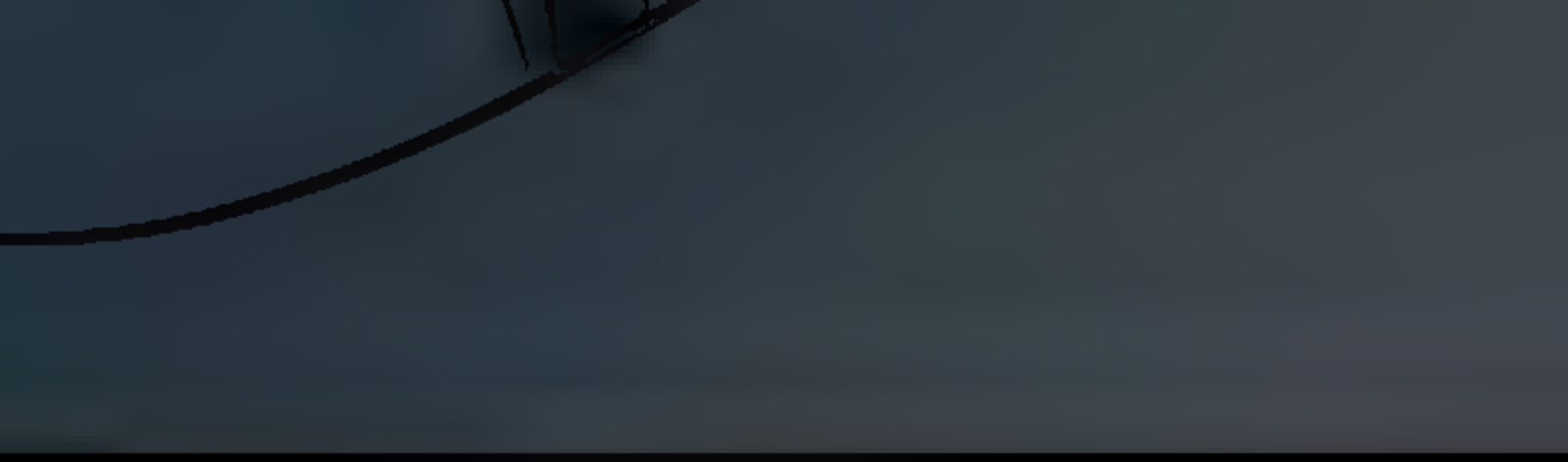
...WHERE'S NEPHTHYS?

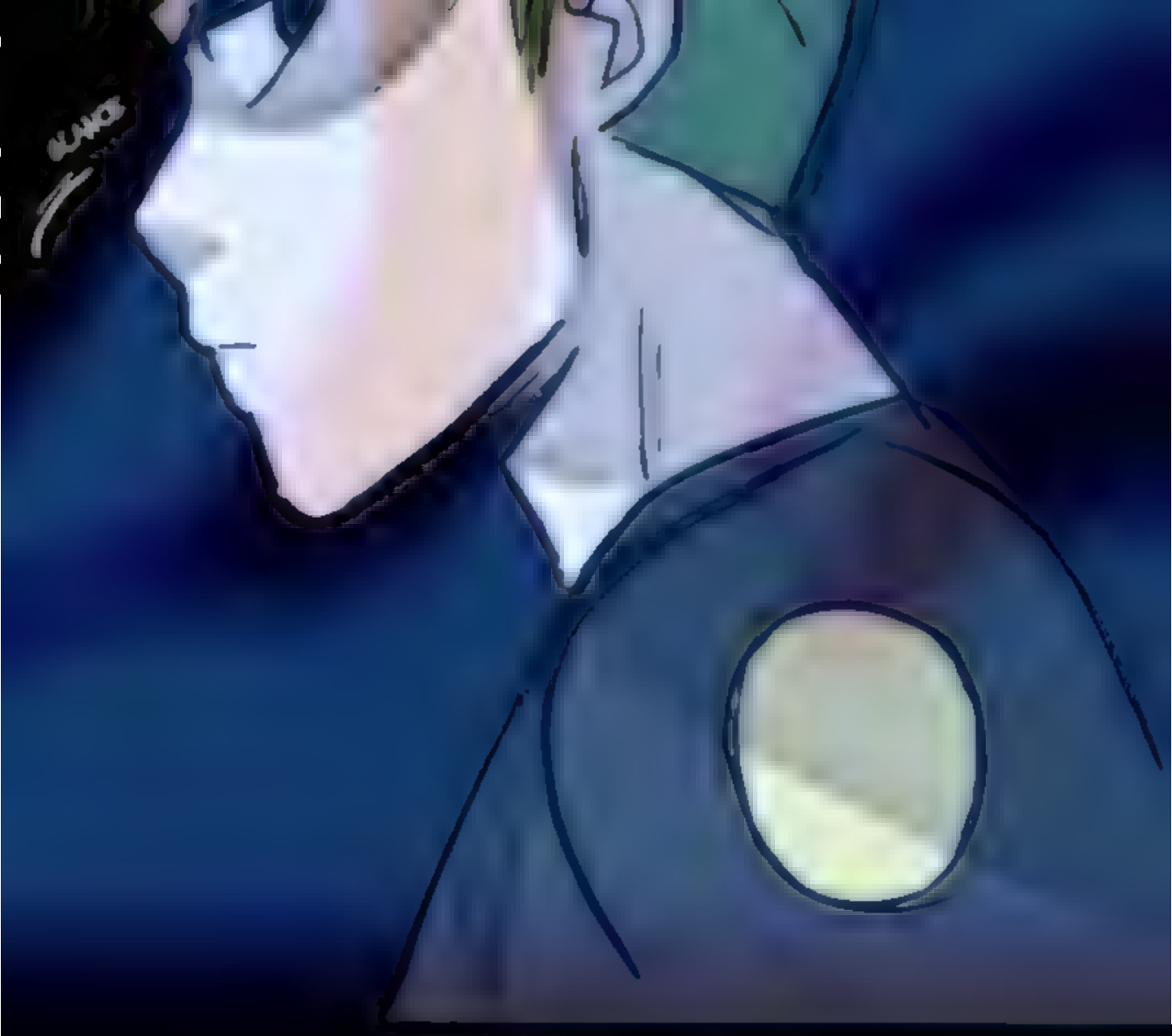
MEDBAY




I DON'T WANT TO GET MY HOPES UP...

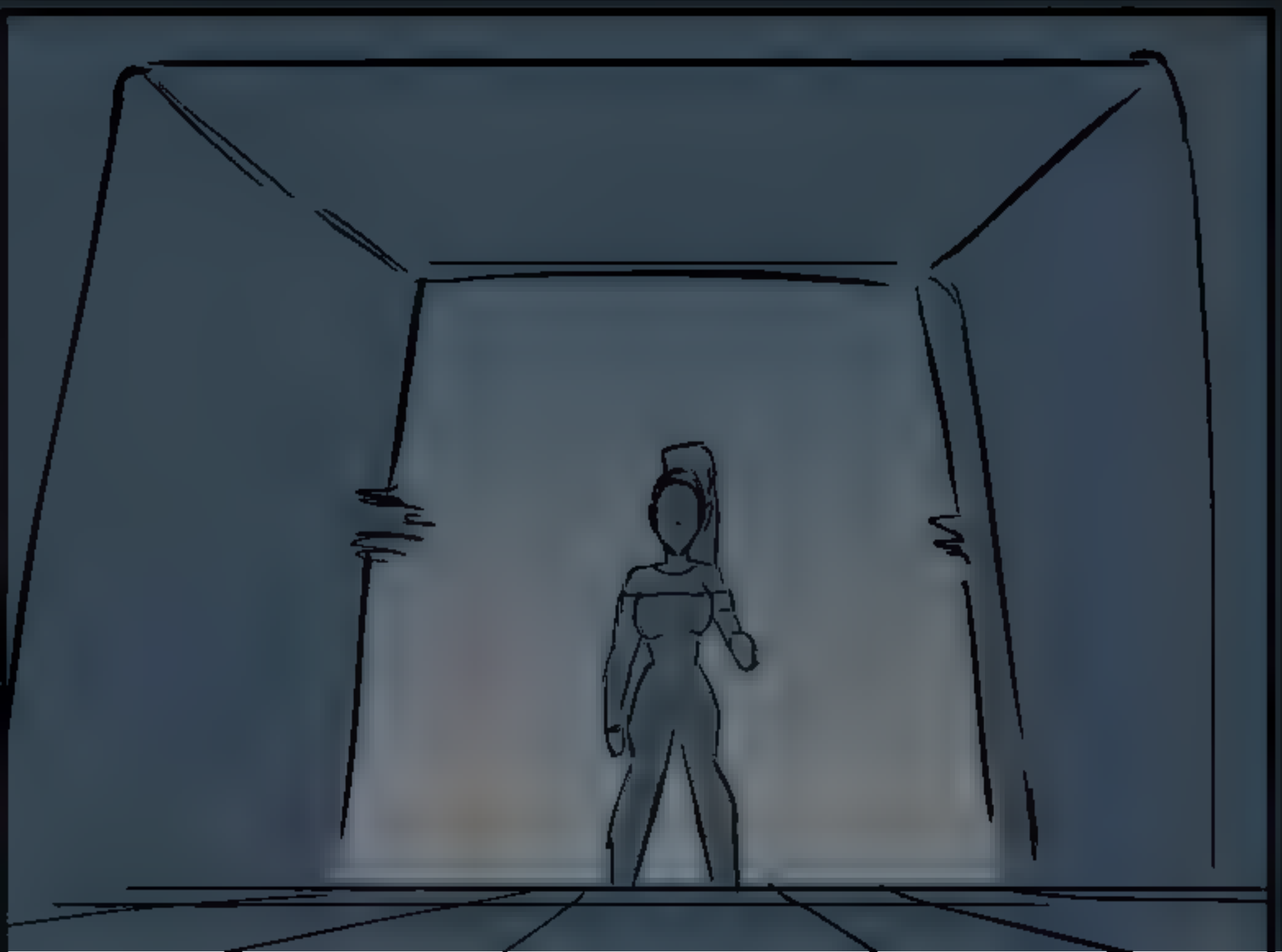


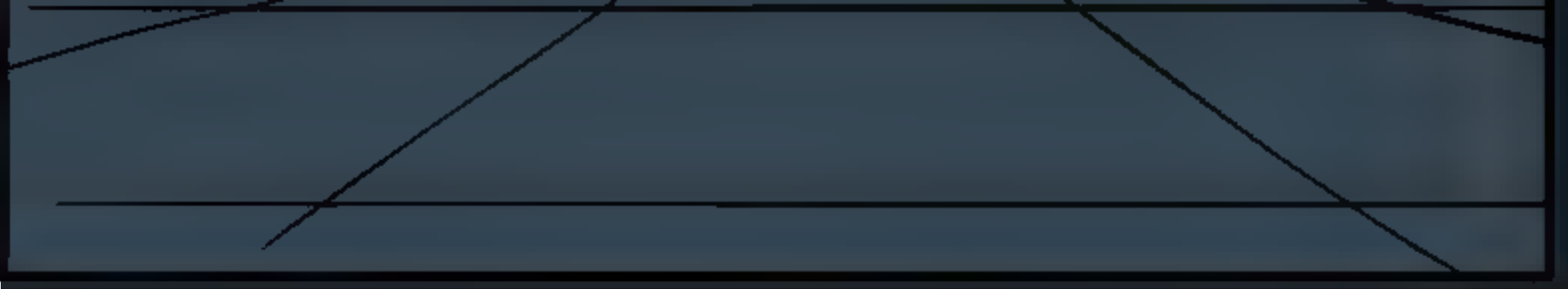
BUT THAT FEELING WAS SO STRONG...

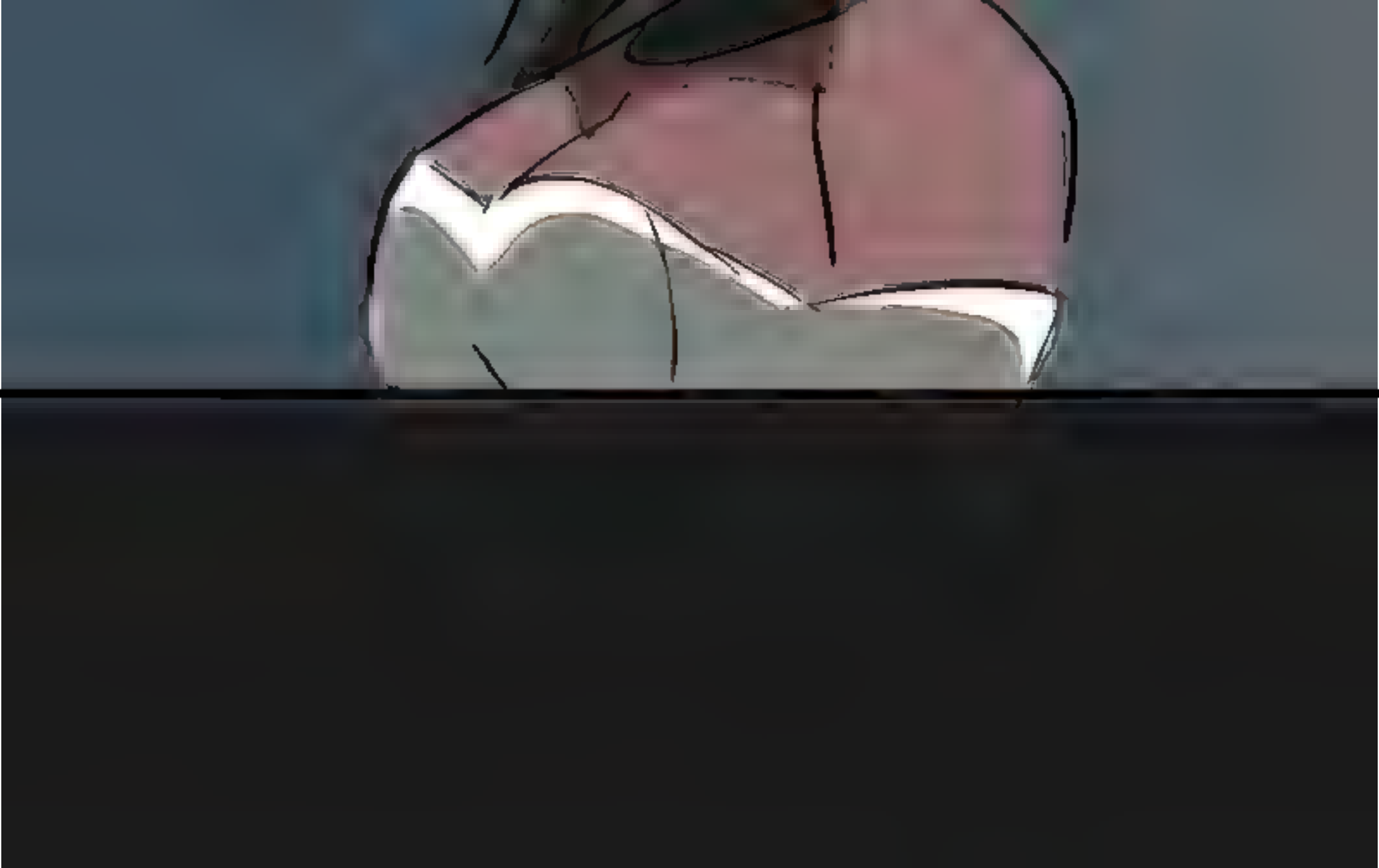


I JUST HAVE TO KNOW.

SLIDE







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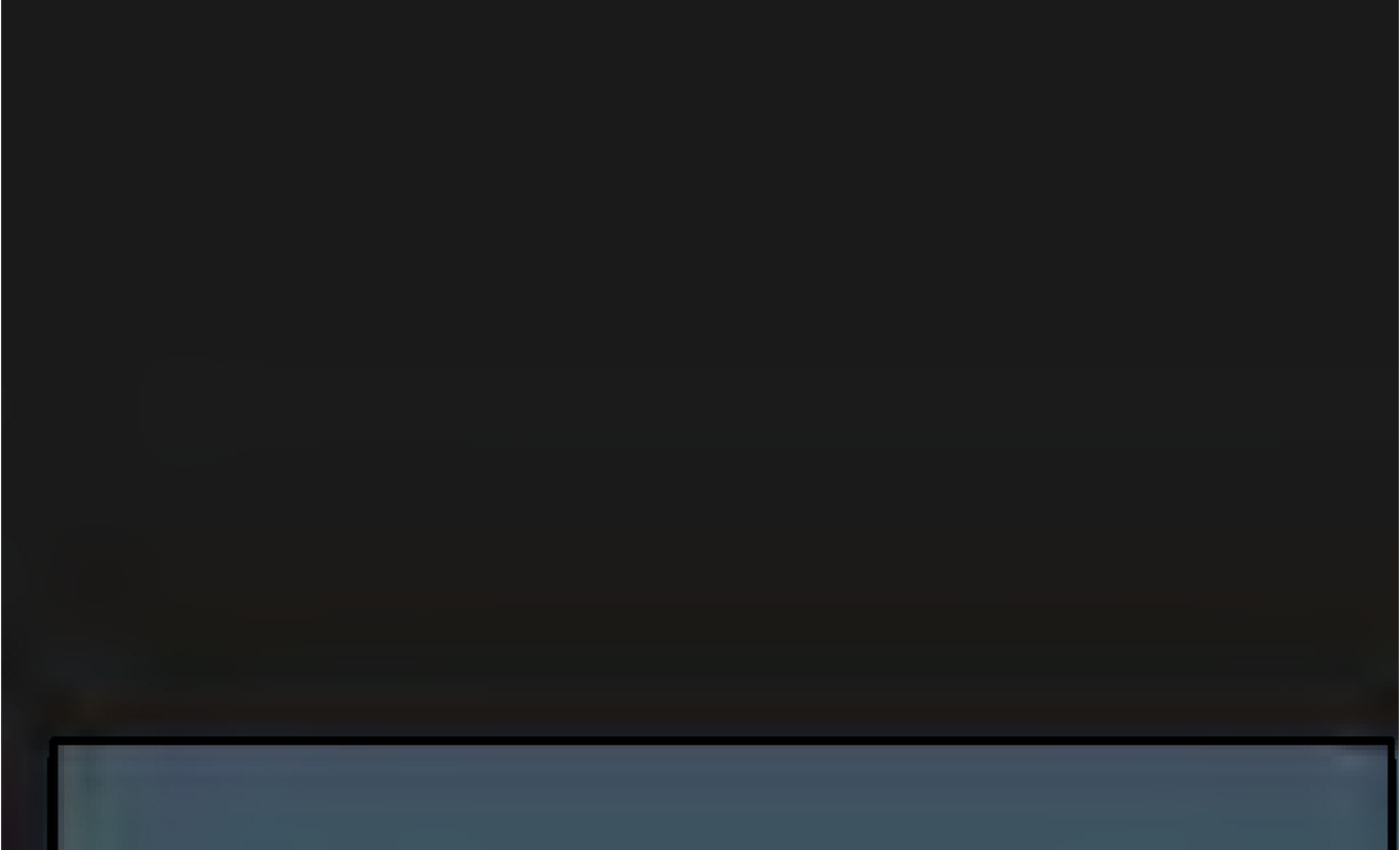
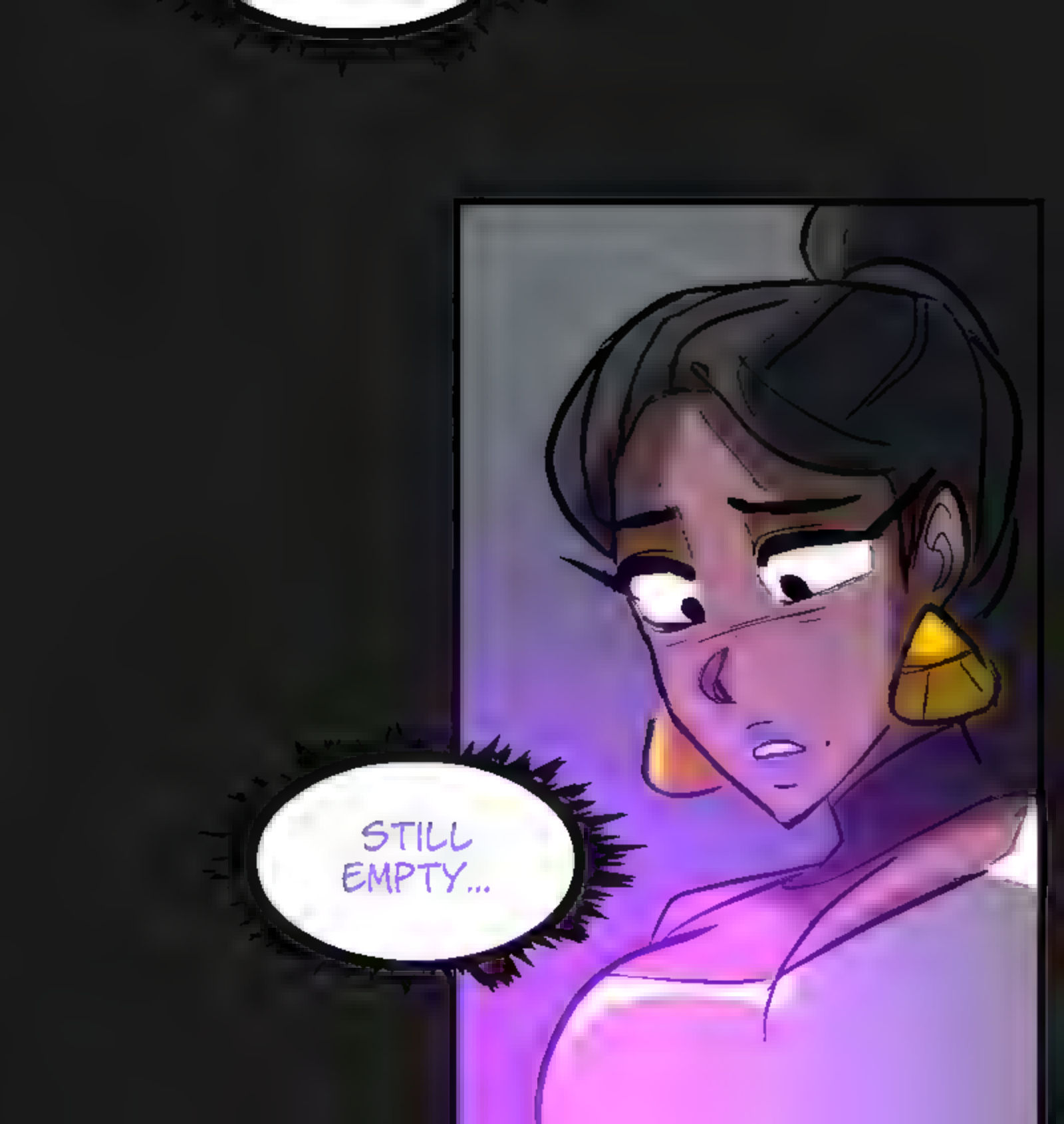
"COME WANDER WITH ME"

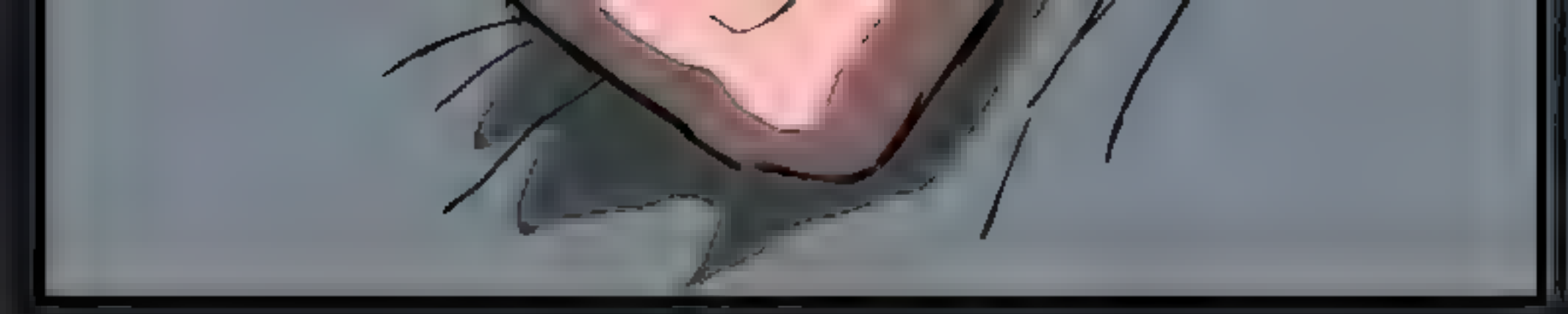


ARE YOU THERE, MY FRIEND?


STILL EMPTY...

BUT I HAD SUCH A STRONG FEELING THAT SOMETHING WOULD BE DIFFERENT...

I GUESS IT WAS JUST A MEANINGLESS HOPE...



NEPHTHYS, CAN I COUNT ON YOU TO GUIDE ME?

BUT IT'S JUST A FEELING... WHAT IF I'M WRONG?

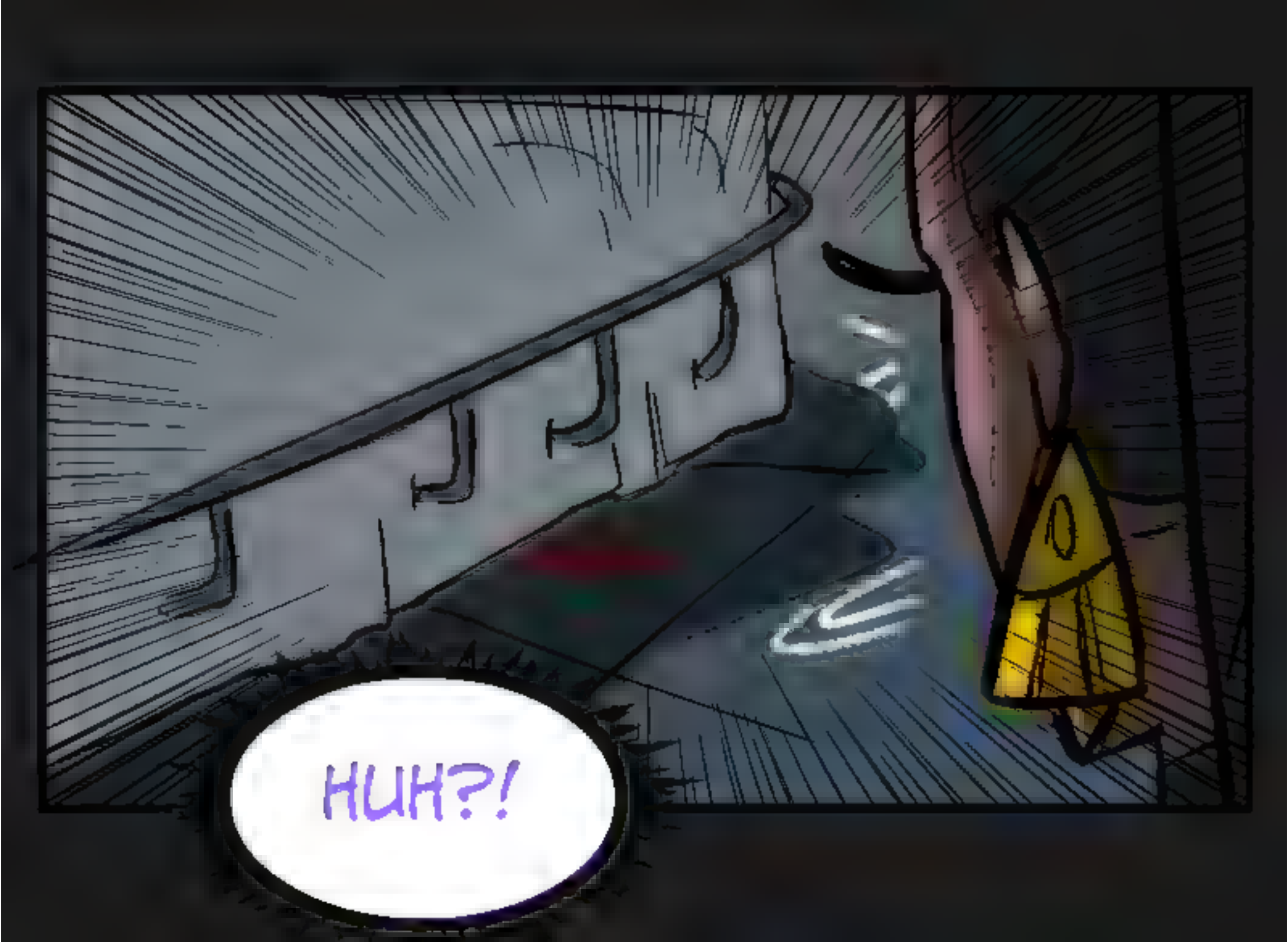
YOU WON'T BE WRONG.
BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.

THAT'S WHERE TRUE STRENGTH COMES FROM.

WHY
AM I STILL
DRAWING COMFORT
FROM THOSE WORDS
AFTER EVERYTHING
THAT'S HAPPENED?

MY FEELINGS ARE ALWAYS TOO CLOUDED BY SELFISH THOUGHTS TO BE RELIABLE.

GLANCE
JUST BECAUSE I WANT SOMETHING TO BE TRUE DOESN'T MEAN IT IS.


HUH?!

THERE'S BLOOD NEXT TO KODY'S BED?!

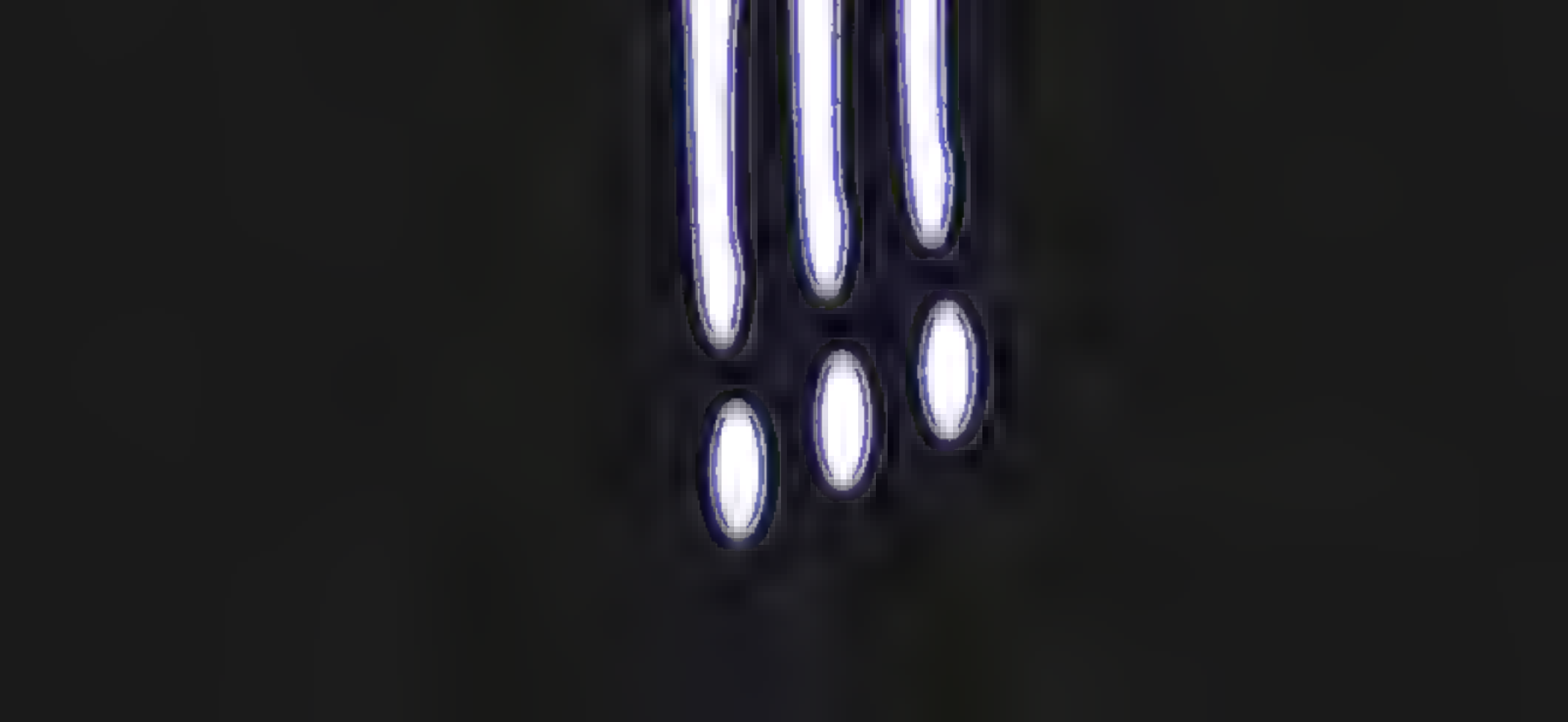
WHERE IS IT COMING FROM?!

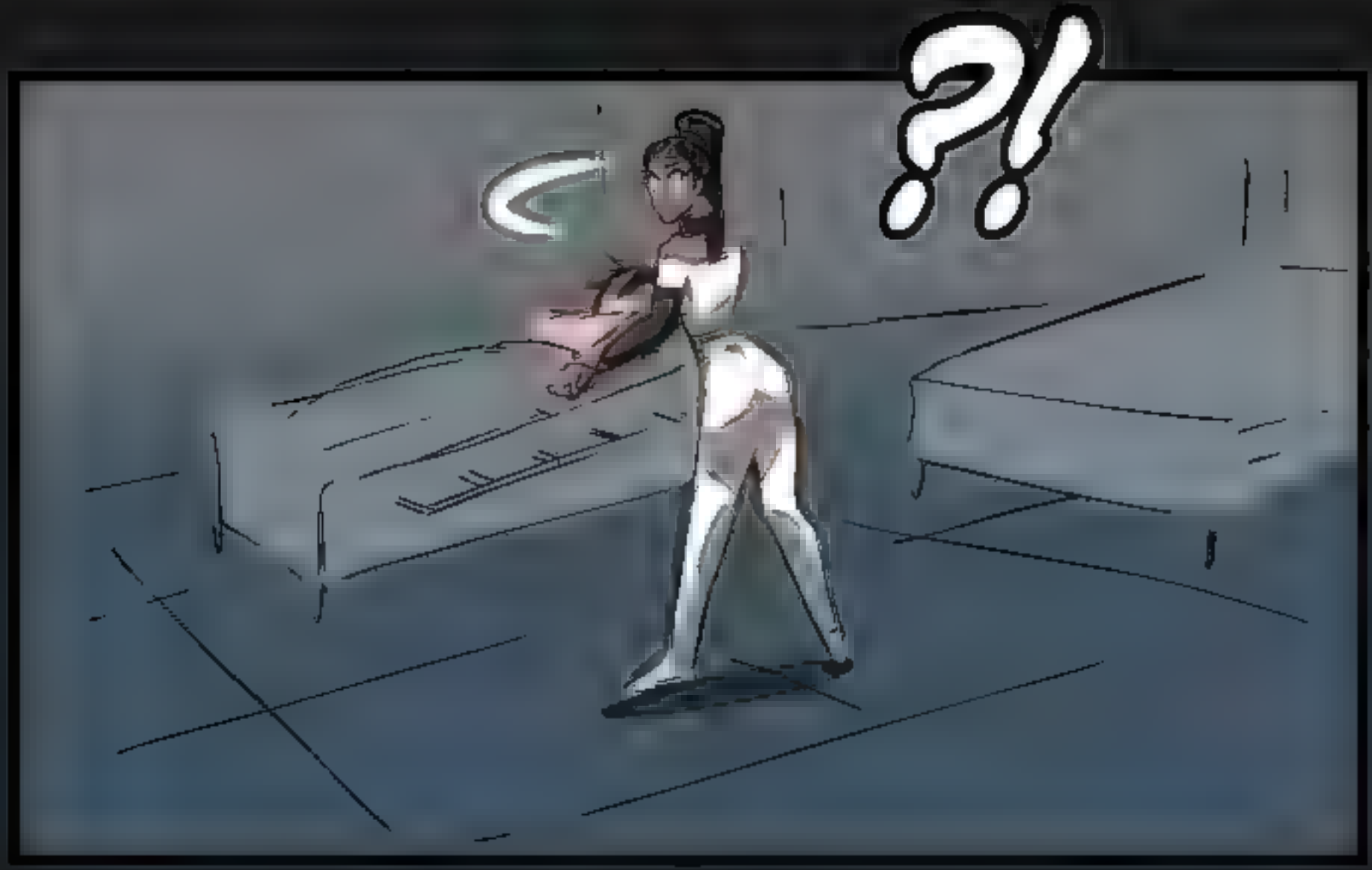
HIS ARM IS BLEEDING?
BUT I JUST CHECKED HIM THIS MORNING...

HOW
DID THIS
HAPPEN...

GASP!

YOU'RE NEXT



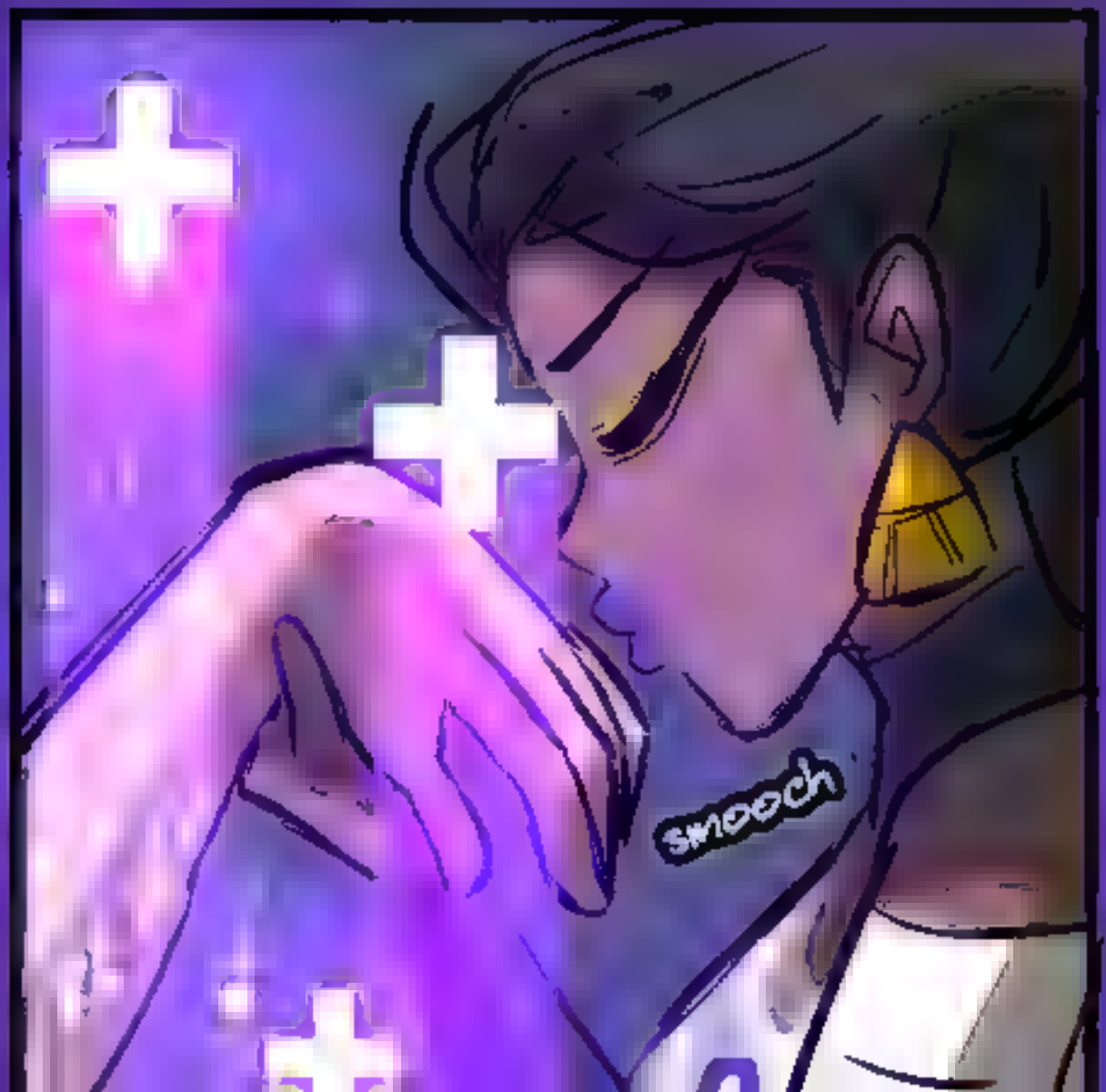


THERE'S NO ONE HERE...
I NEED TO CALM DOWN...

IS
THIS SOME
KIND OF
JOKE?

WHO WOULD WRITE THIS?!

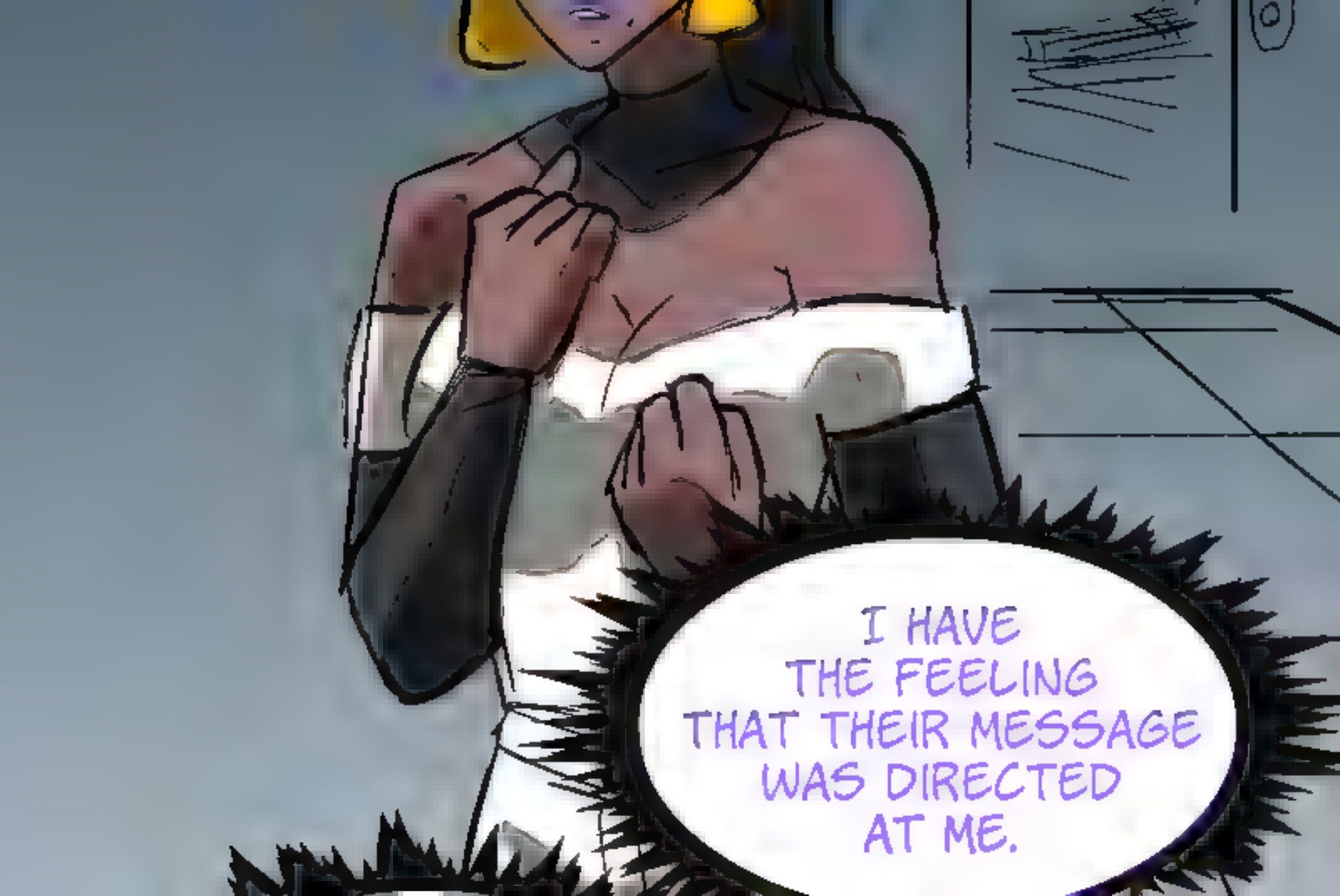
FOR NOW I'LL GET RID OF IT...
YOU'RE NEXT...


smooch

HEAL
YOU'RE NOT EVEN AWAKE AND YOU'RE STILL GETTING INTO TROUBLE, KODY..

TUCK
I PROMISE TO KEEP A CLOSER EYE ON YOU FROM NOW ON, MY POOR FRIEND...

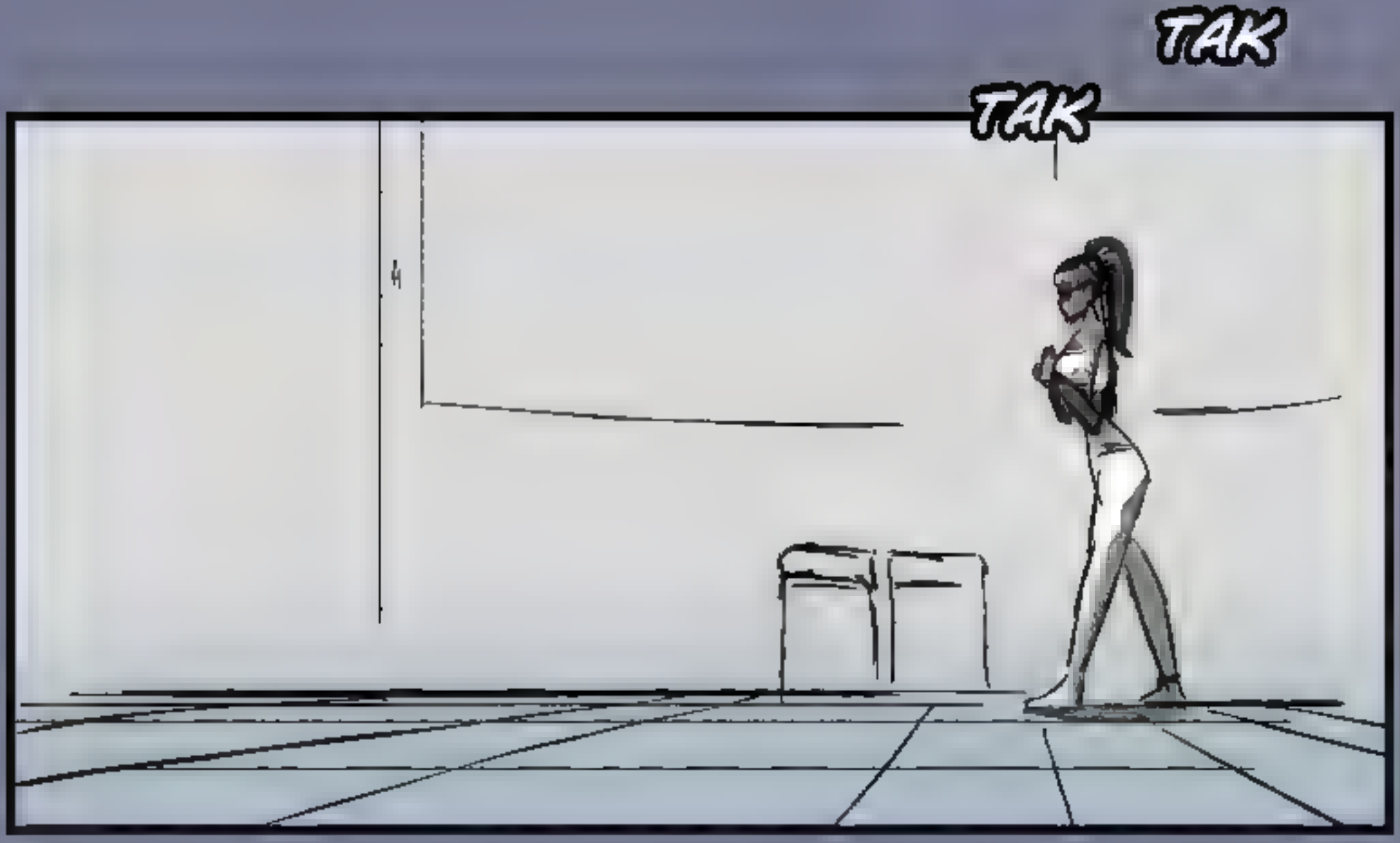
WHOEVER DID THIS...


I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THEIR MESSAGE WAS DIRECTED AT ME.

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CHECKS UP ON KODYA'S BODY, AFTER ALL...
WERE THEY ALSO EXPECTING ME TO HEAL THE WOUND ONCE I FOUND IT?

NOW I'M
THE ONLY ONE
WHO'S SEEN
IT...

SHOULD I
TELL SOMEONE
ELSE ABOUT
THIS?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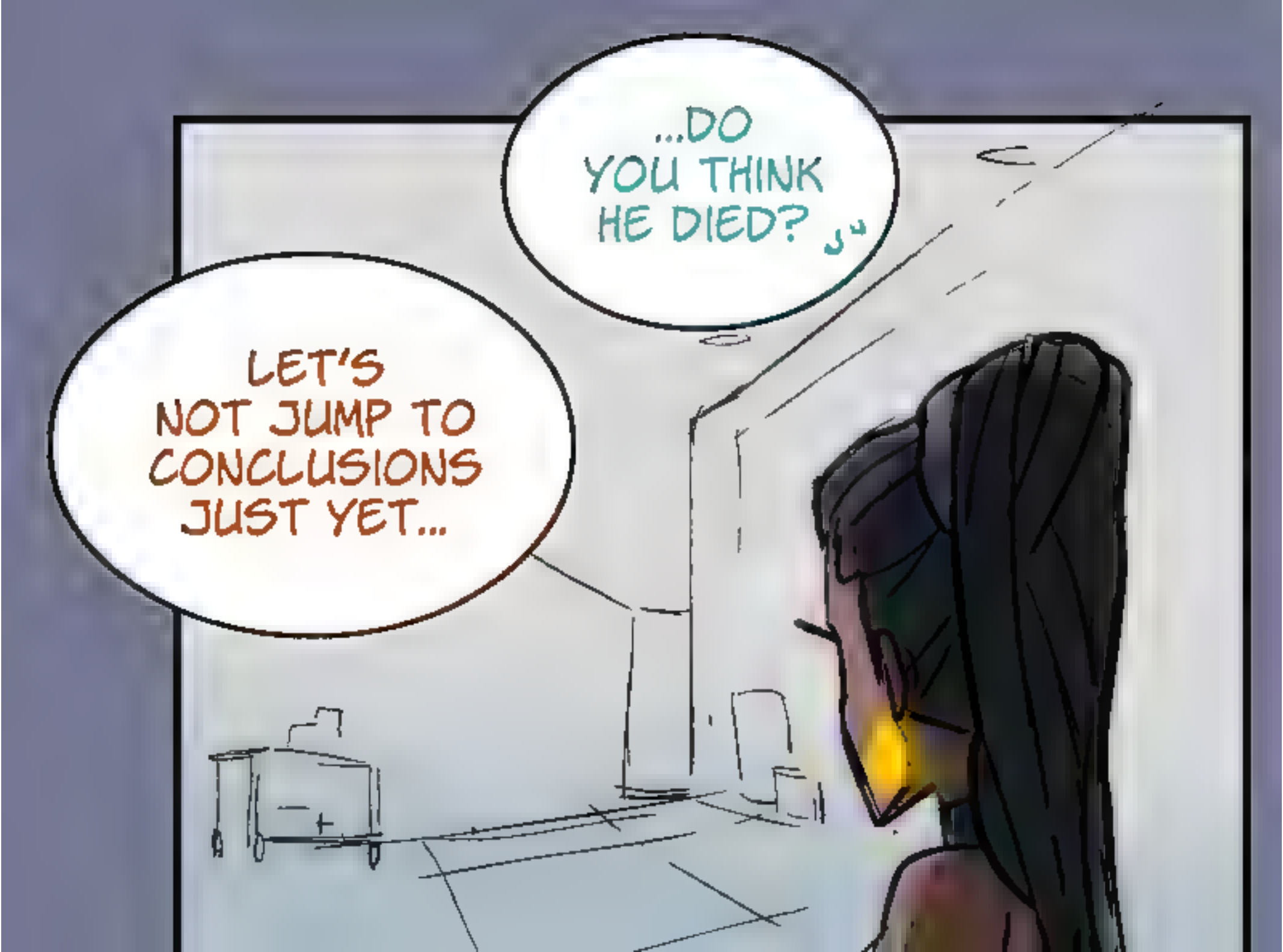
WHAT?!
WHERE DID IT GO?!


...DO YOU THINK HE DIED?
LET'S NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS JUST YET...

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TORI DID SAY THEY WERE UNDER ATTACK.
TAK

THE TRACKER WOULD STILL BE IN THE REALM AND TRACEABLE EVEN IF SOMETHING BEFELL HIM.

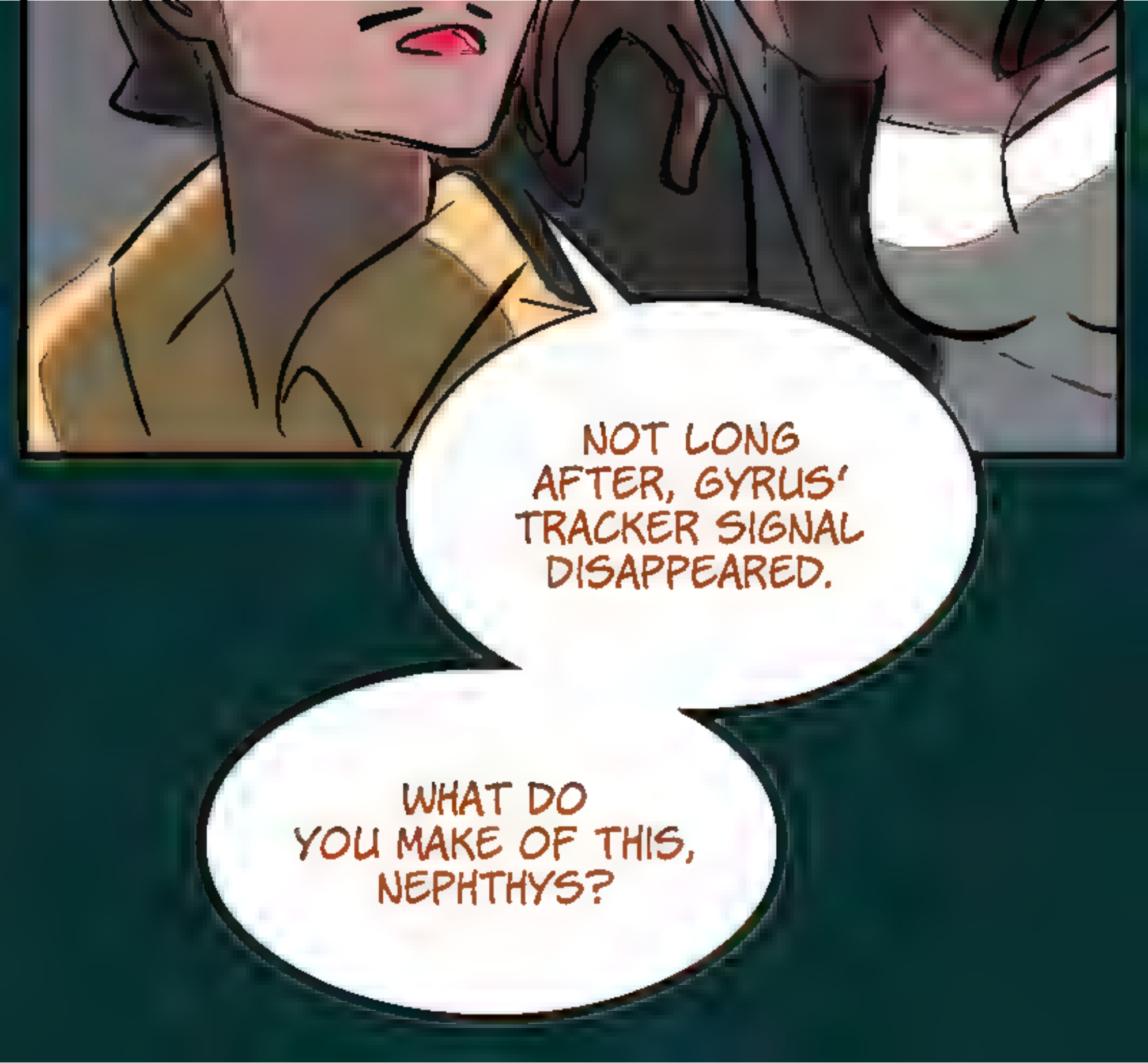
HE MIGHT HAVE TRIED TO REMOVE IT, AND YOU KNOW... "BLAM-O".

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

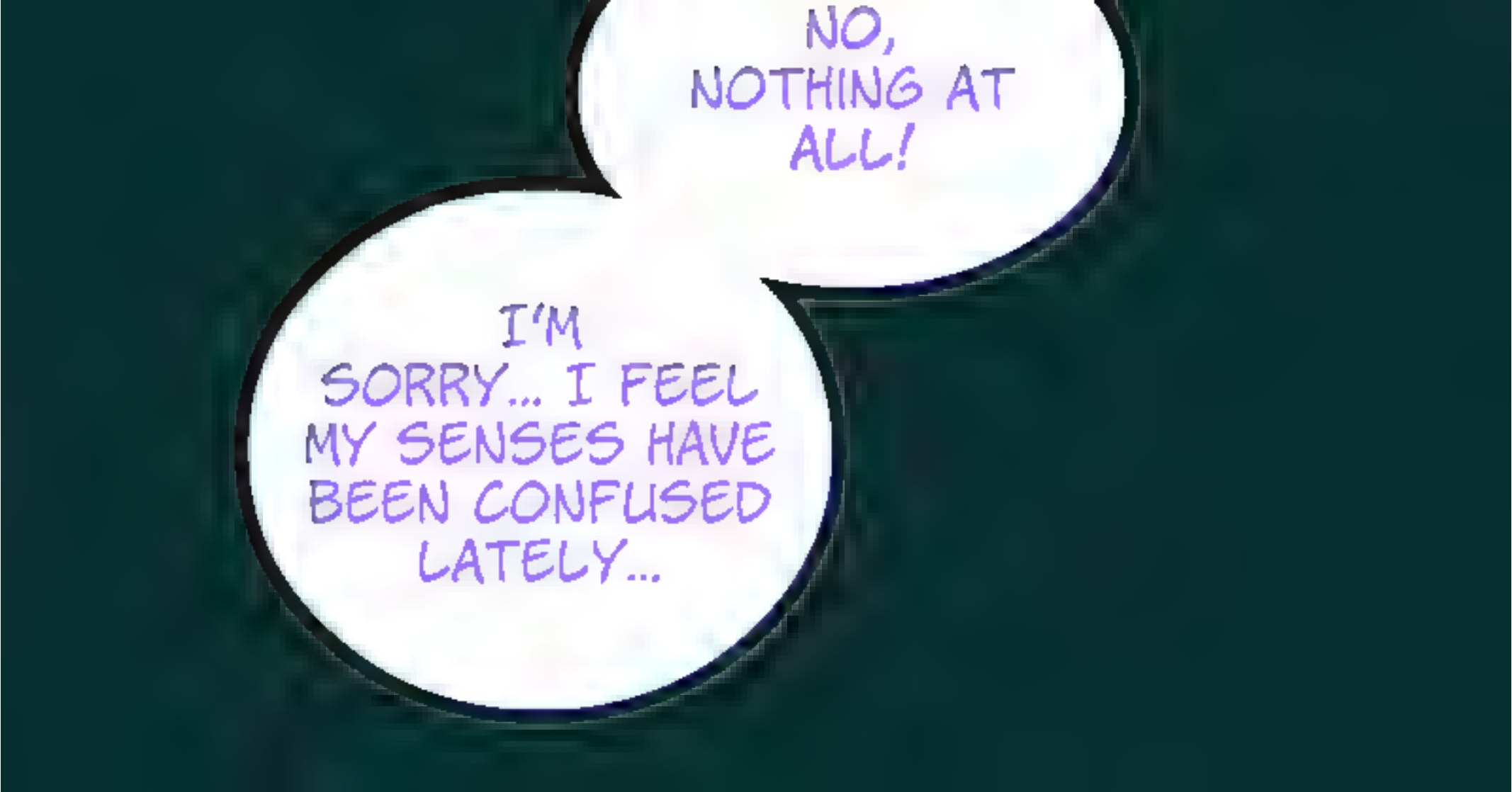
OH, NEPHTHYS, THERE YOU ARE...
WE RECEIVED A DISTRESS CALL FROM TORI A FEW MINUTES AGO...

SHE
AND GYRUS
SEEM TO HAVE
BECOME SEPARATED
FROM THE REST OF
THE GROUP...

HOWEVER, A FIGHT OF SOME SORT BROKE OUT AND OUR CALL WAS CUT SHORT.


NOT LONG AFTER, GYRUS' TRACKER SIGNAL DISAPPEARED.
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS, NEPHTHYS?

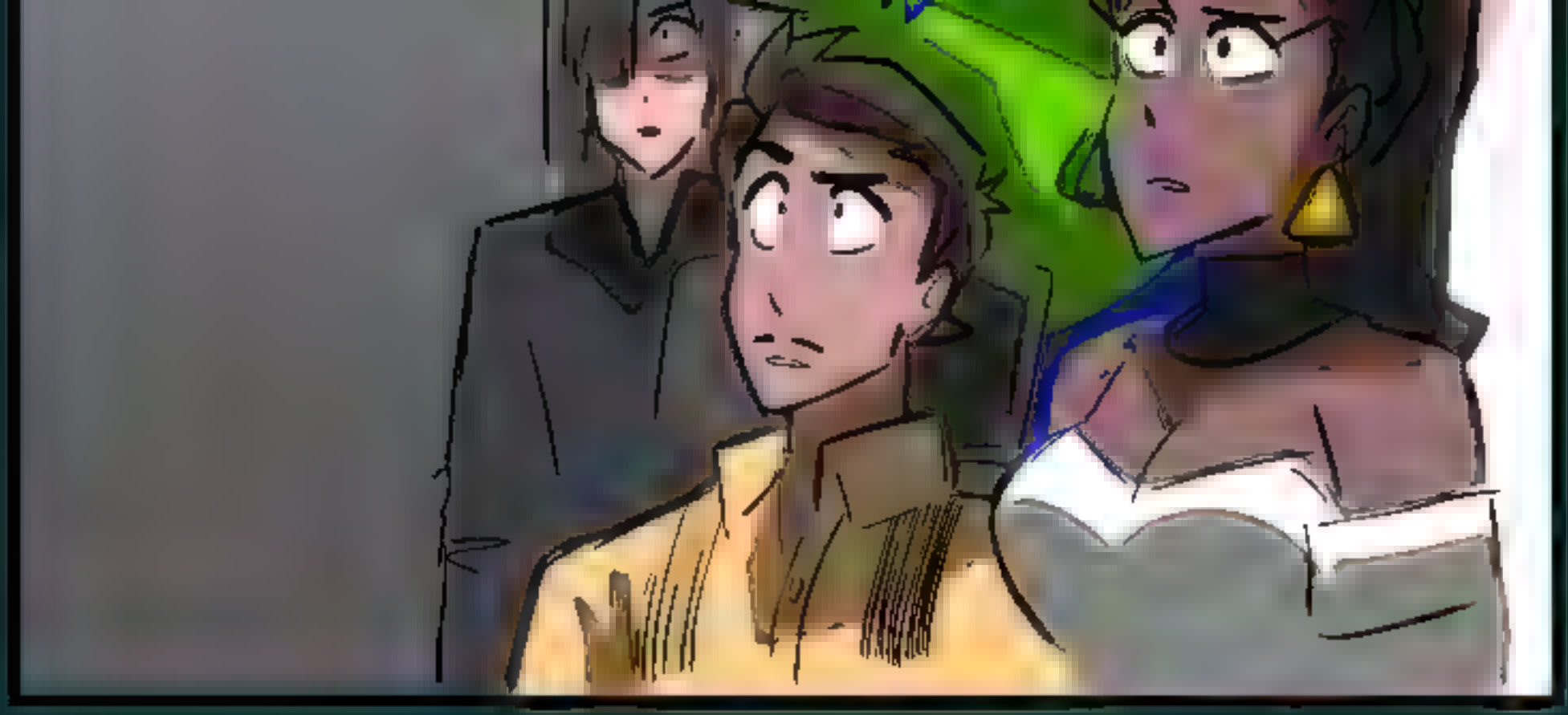
ARE YOUR SENSES TELLING YOU ANYTHING?


NO, NOTHING AT ALL!
I'M SORRY... I FEEL MY SENSES HAVE BEEN CONFUSED LATELY...

DID SOMEONE DO SOMETHING TO THEM?

DOES
THIS HAVE
ANYTHING TO
DO WITH THE
MESSAGE?

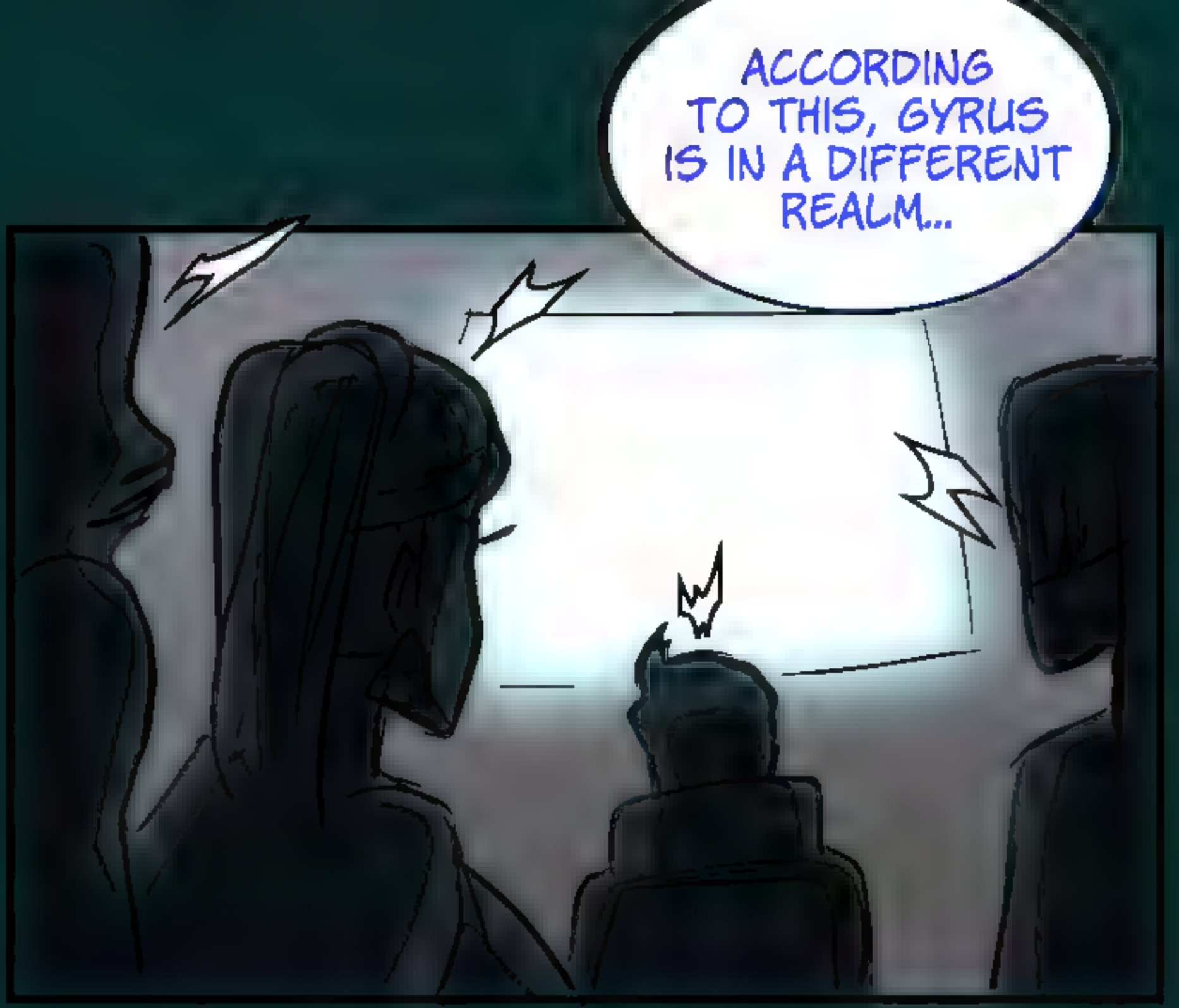
WAIT, LOOK!

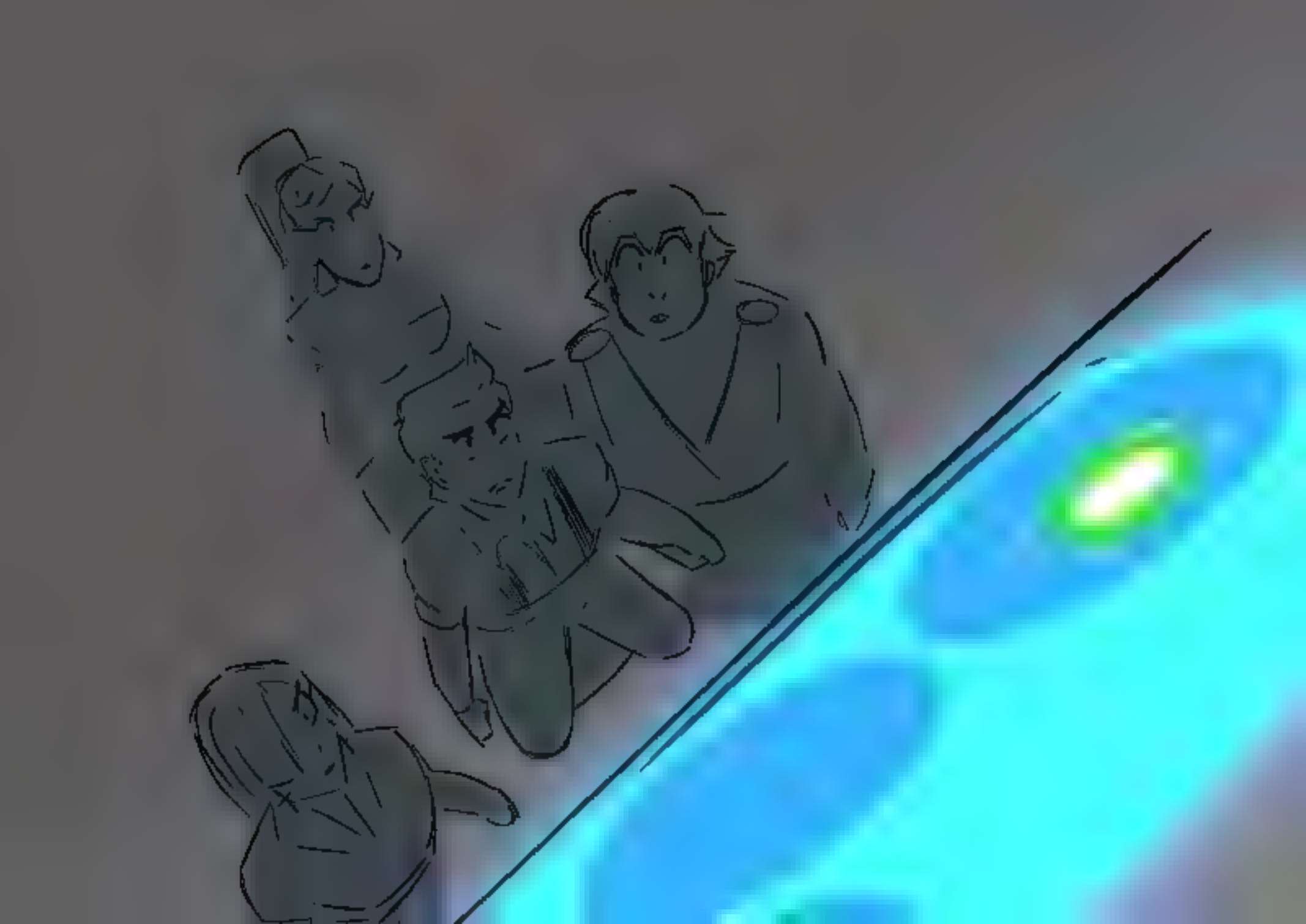


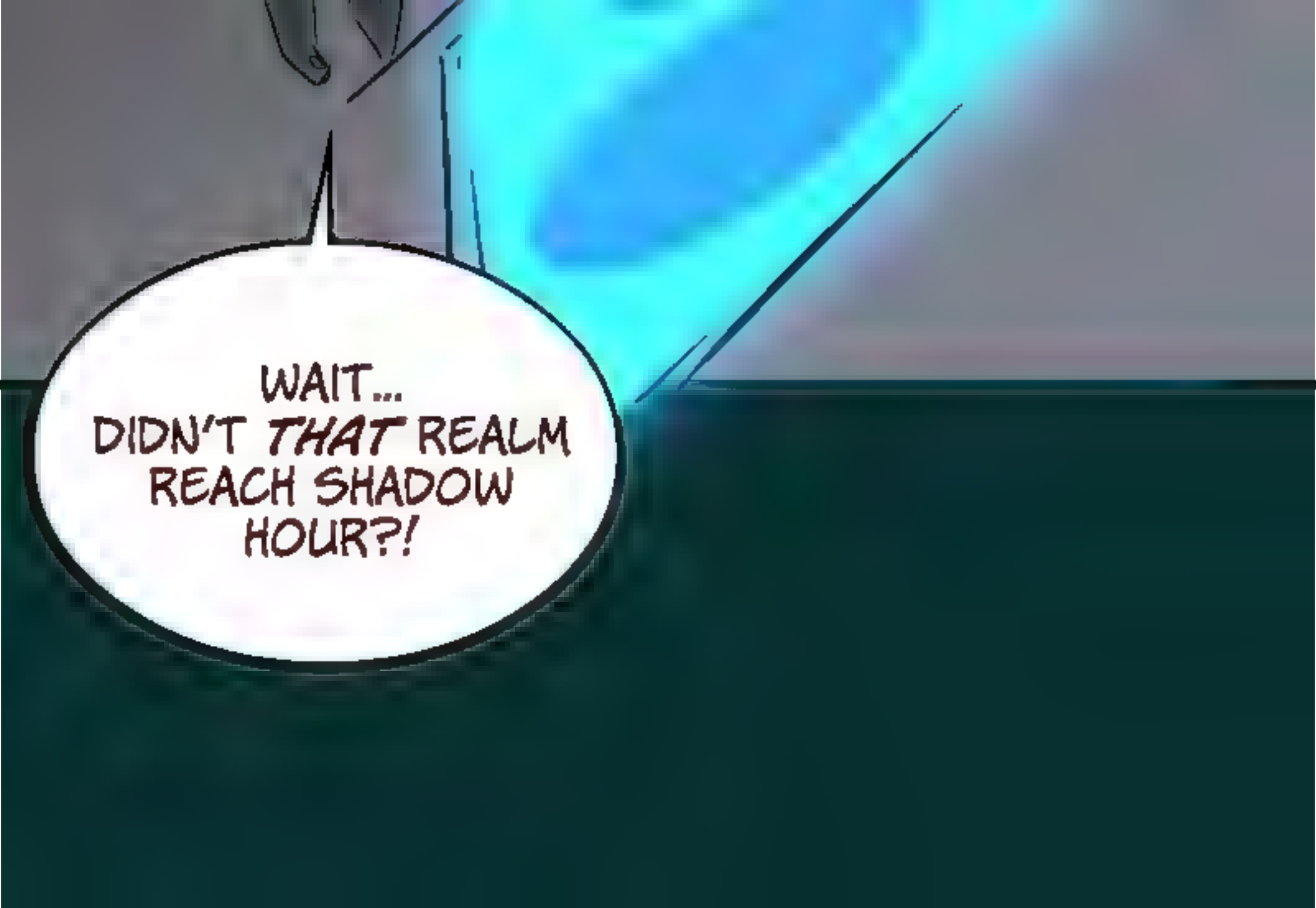
HE'S BACK!

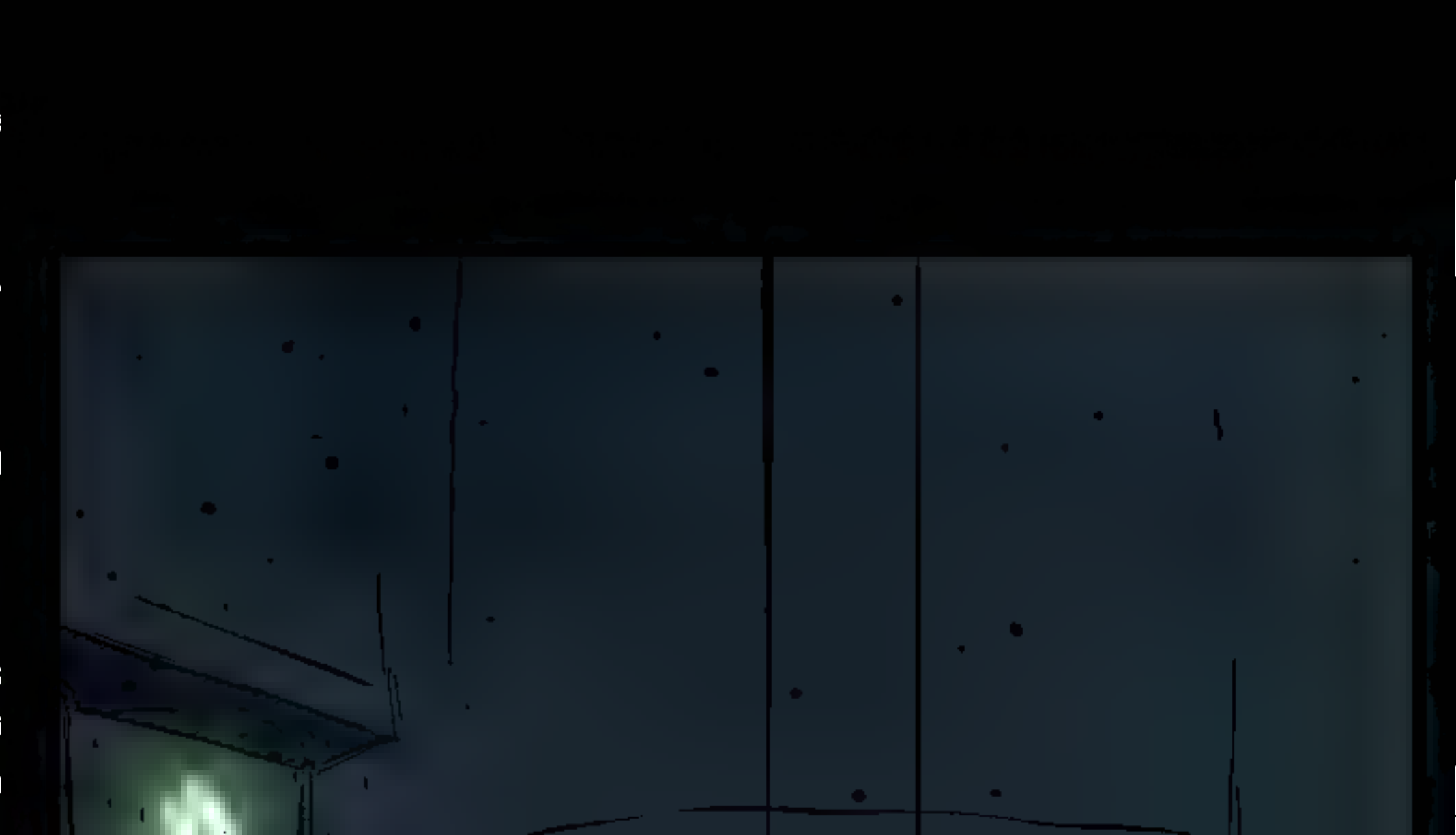
UH... BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE...
WHOA...

THE LOCATION IS WRONG...


ACCORDING TO THIS, GYRUS IS IN A DIFFERENT REALM...




WAIT...
DIDN'T *THAT* REALM
REACH SHADOW
HOUR?!



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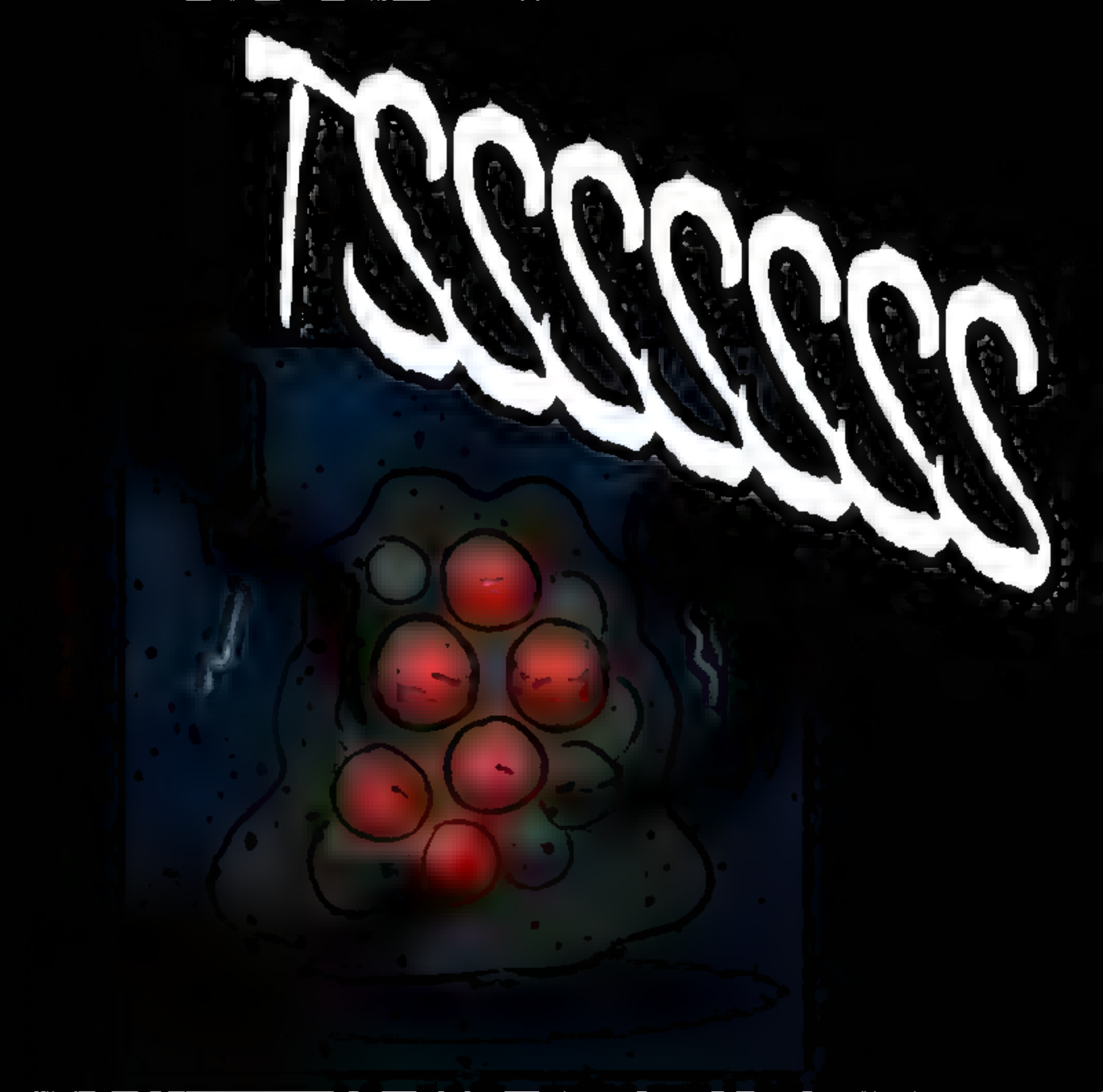
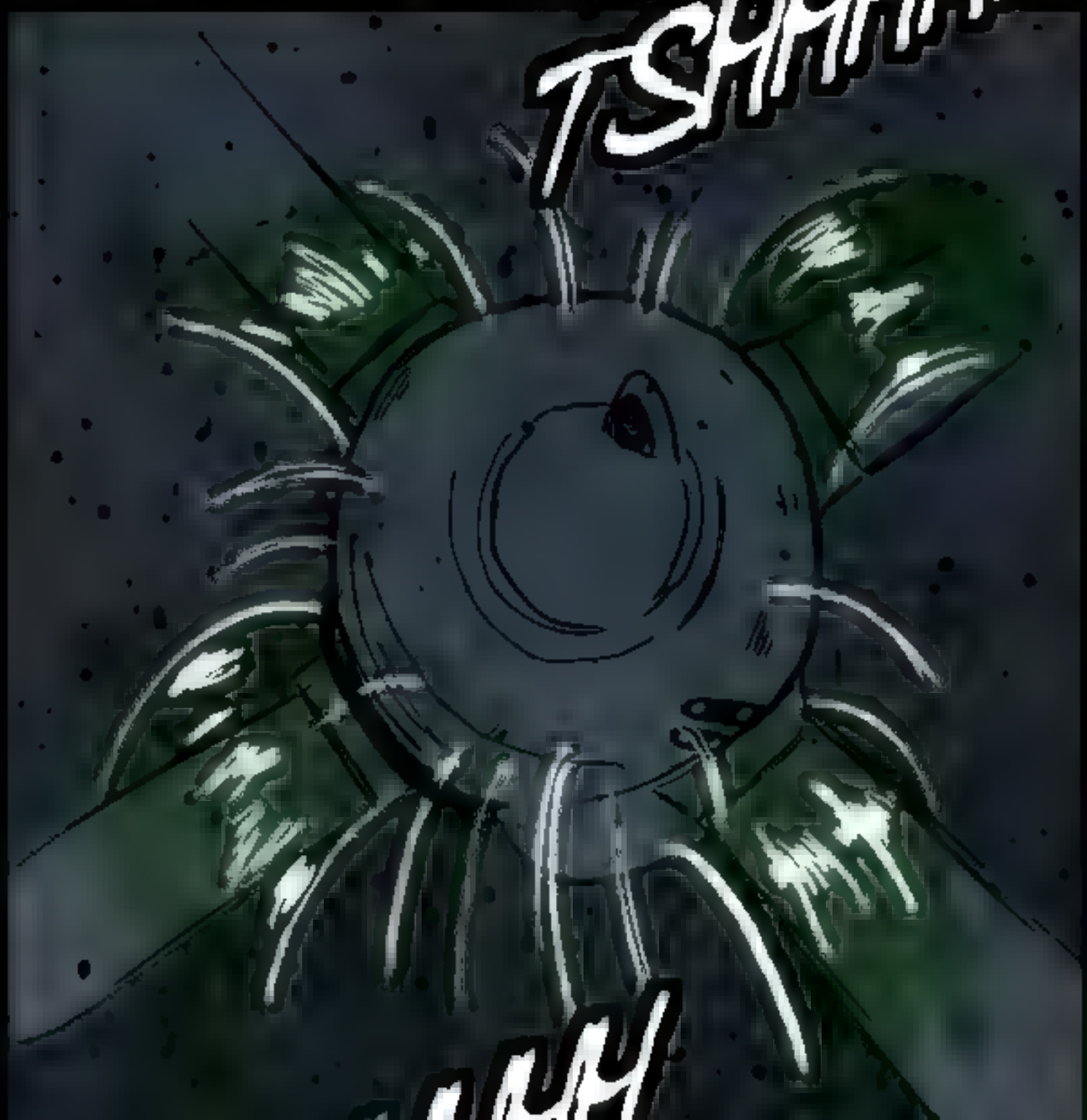

ISSSSS

SCREECH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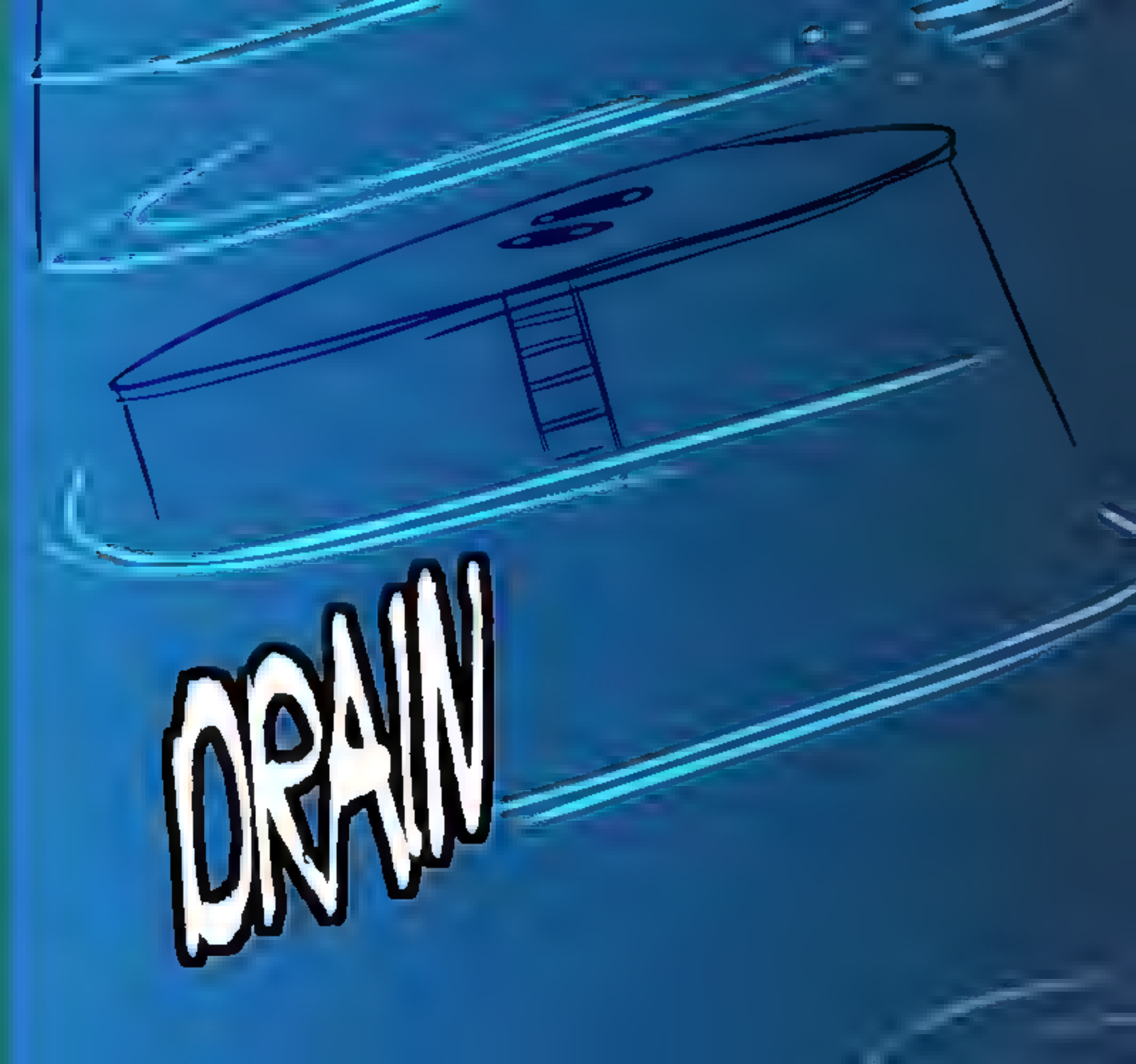
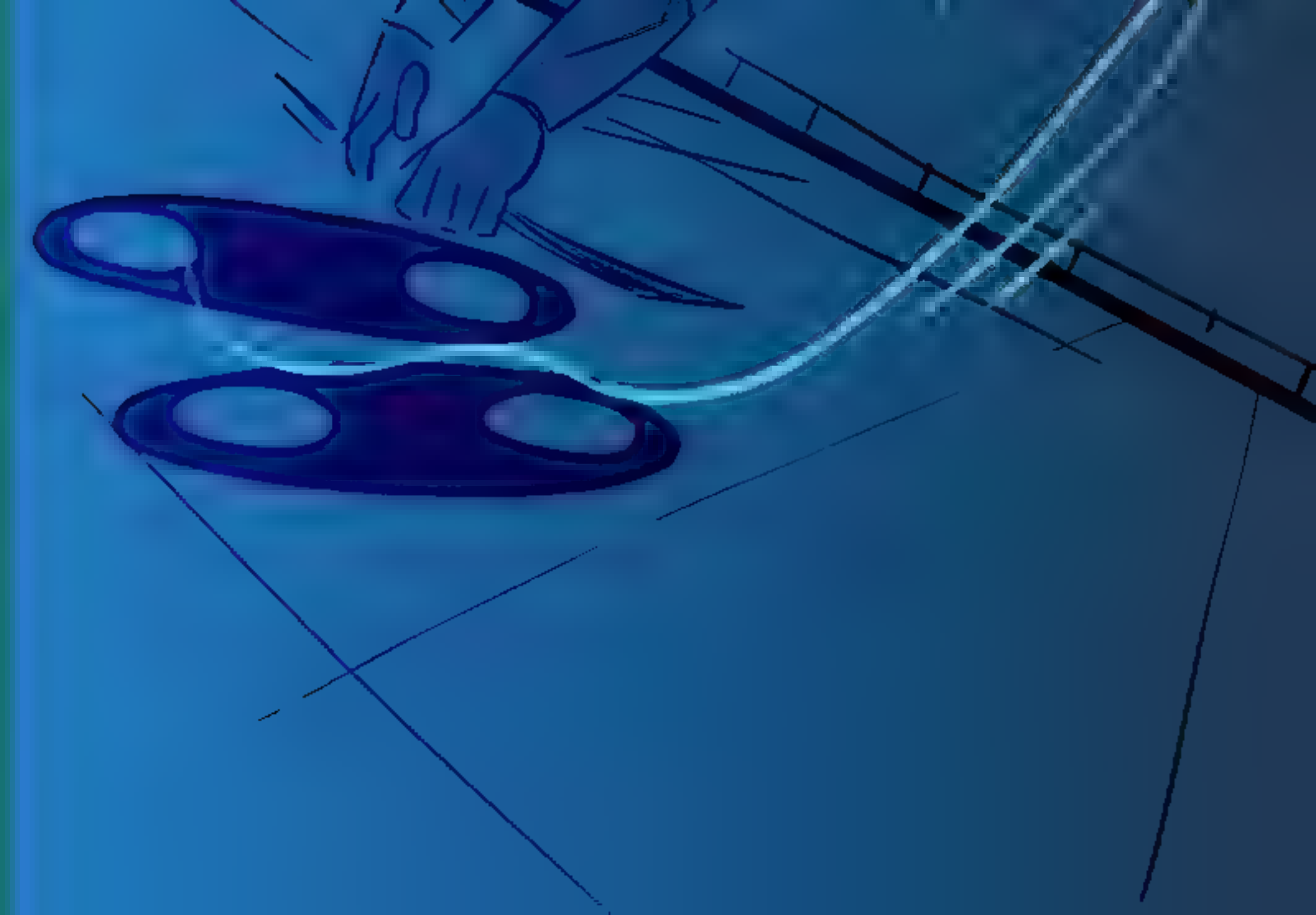
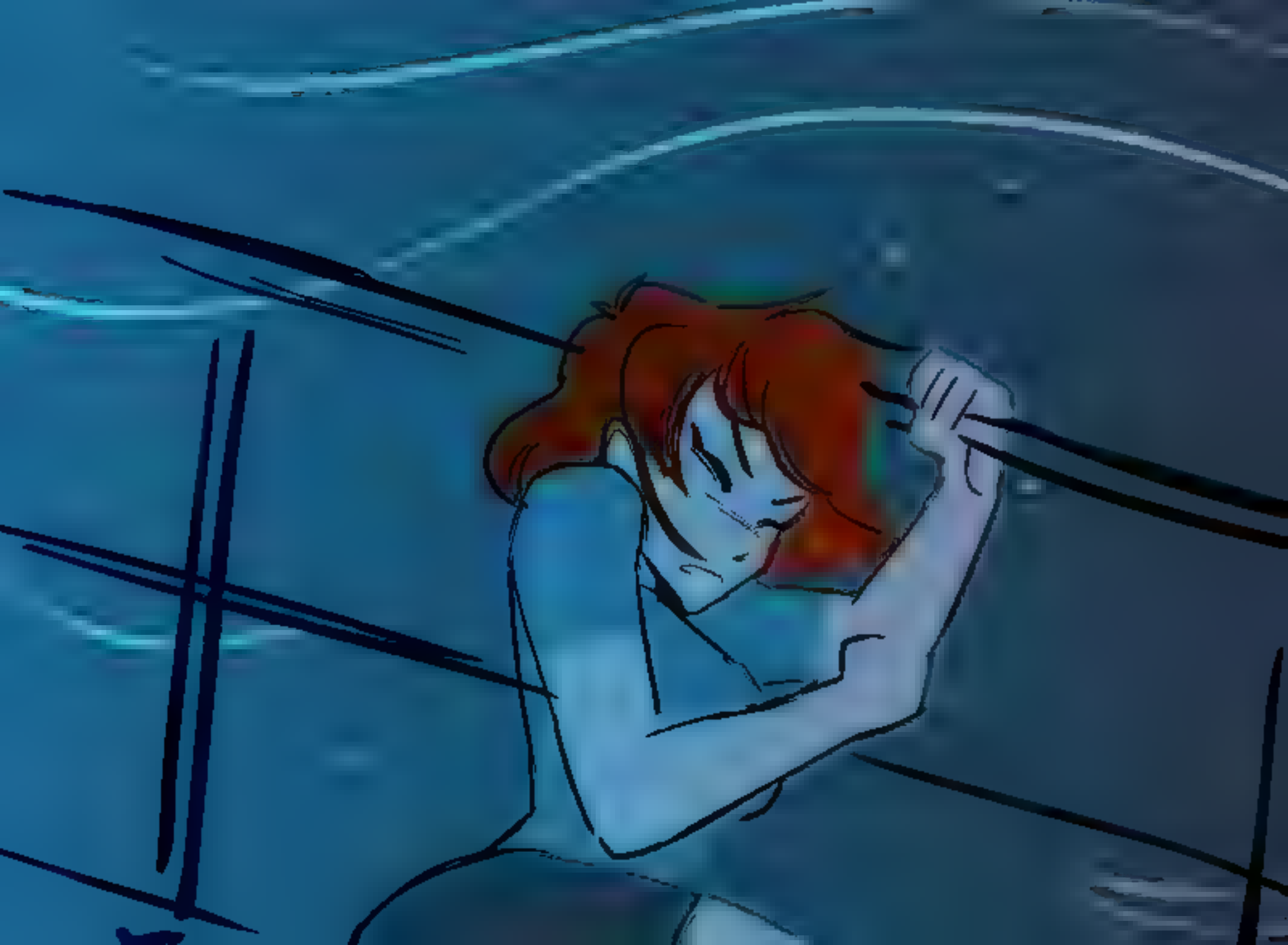
TSUPPIN

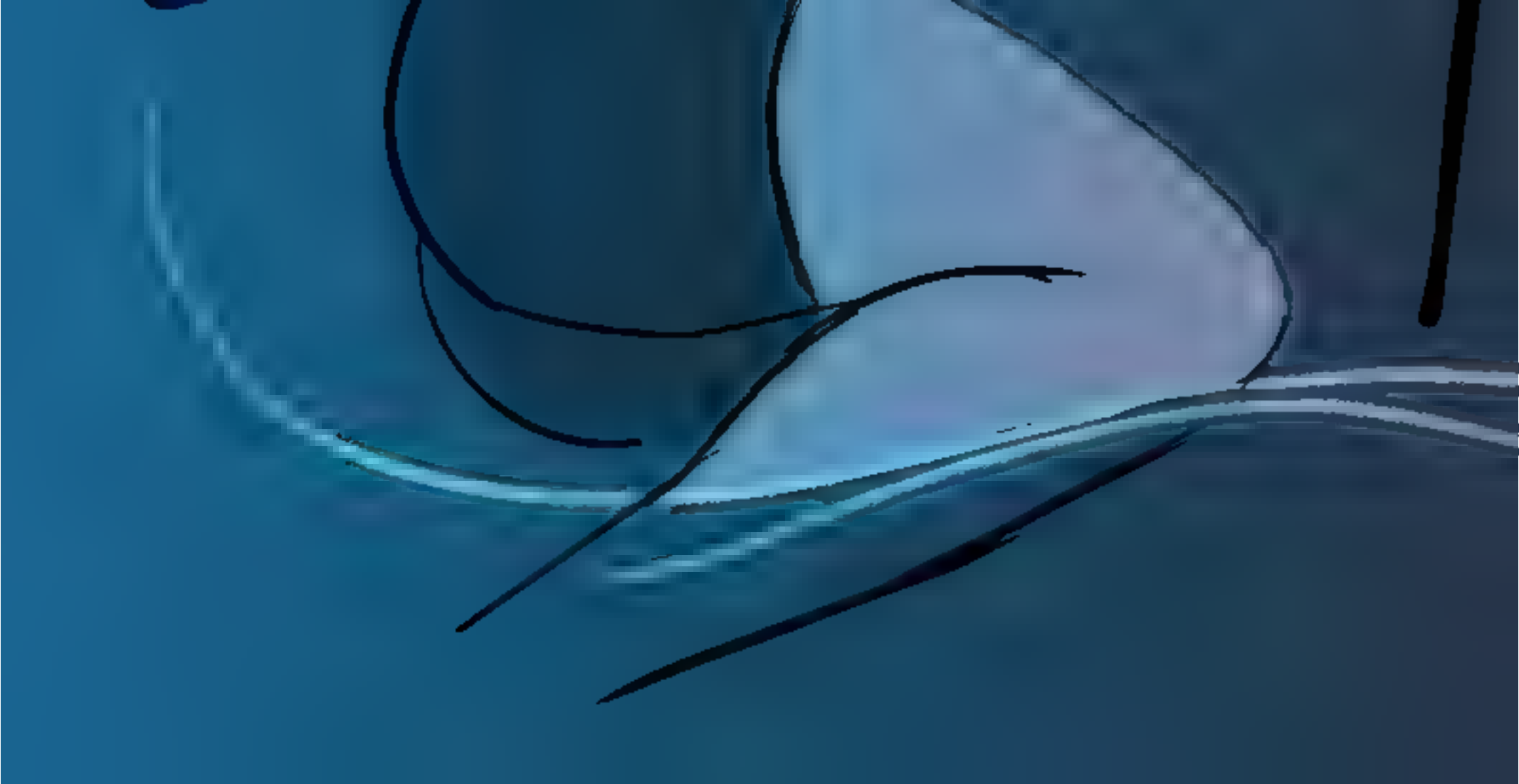
DRAIN

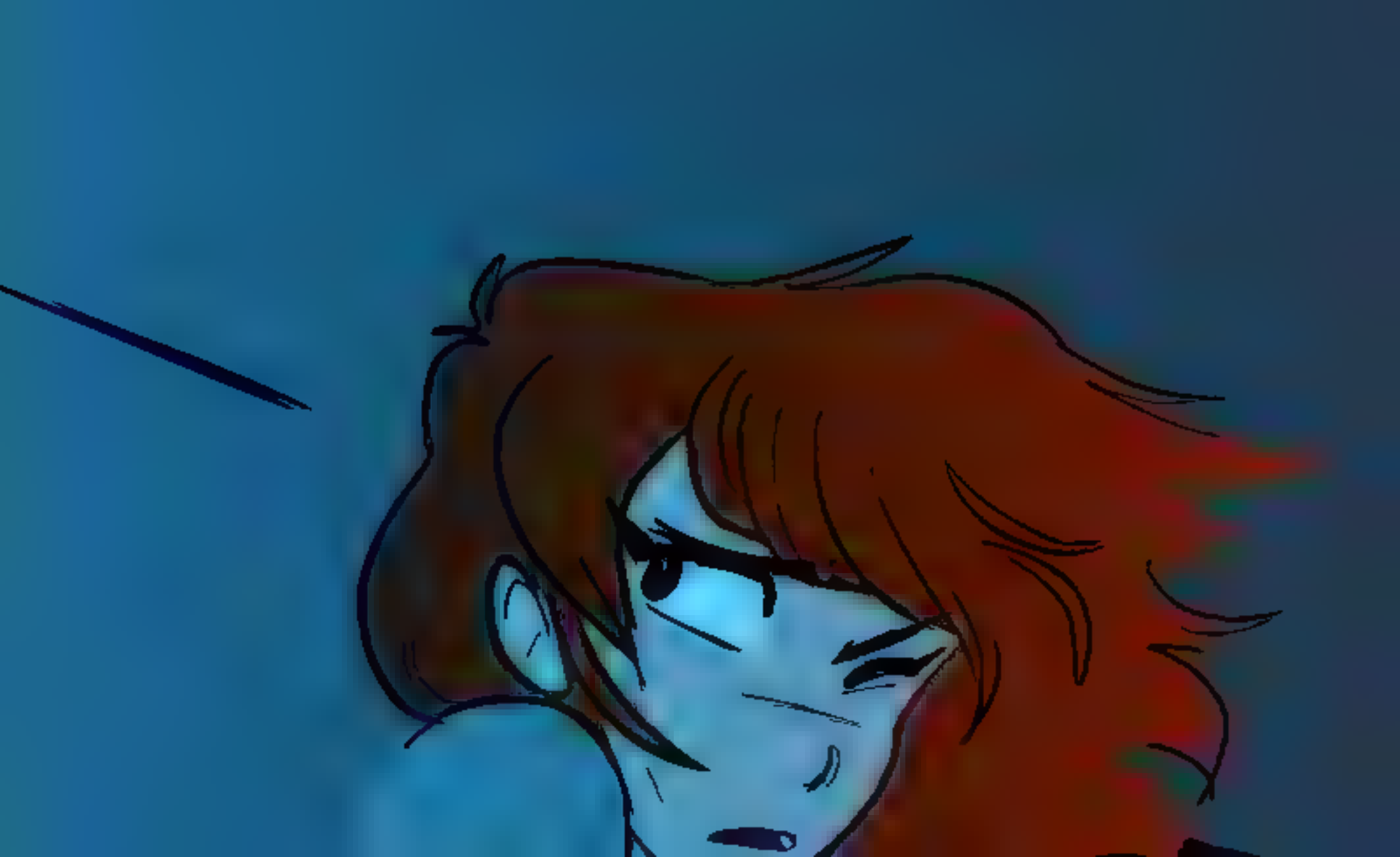

DRAIN

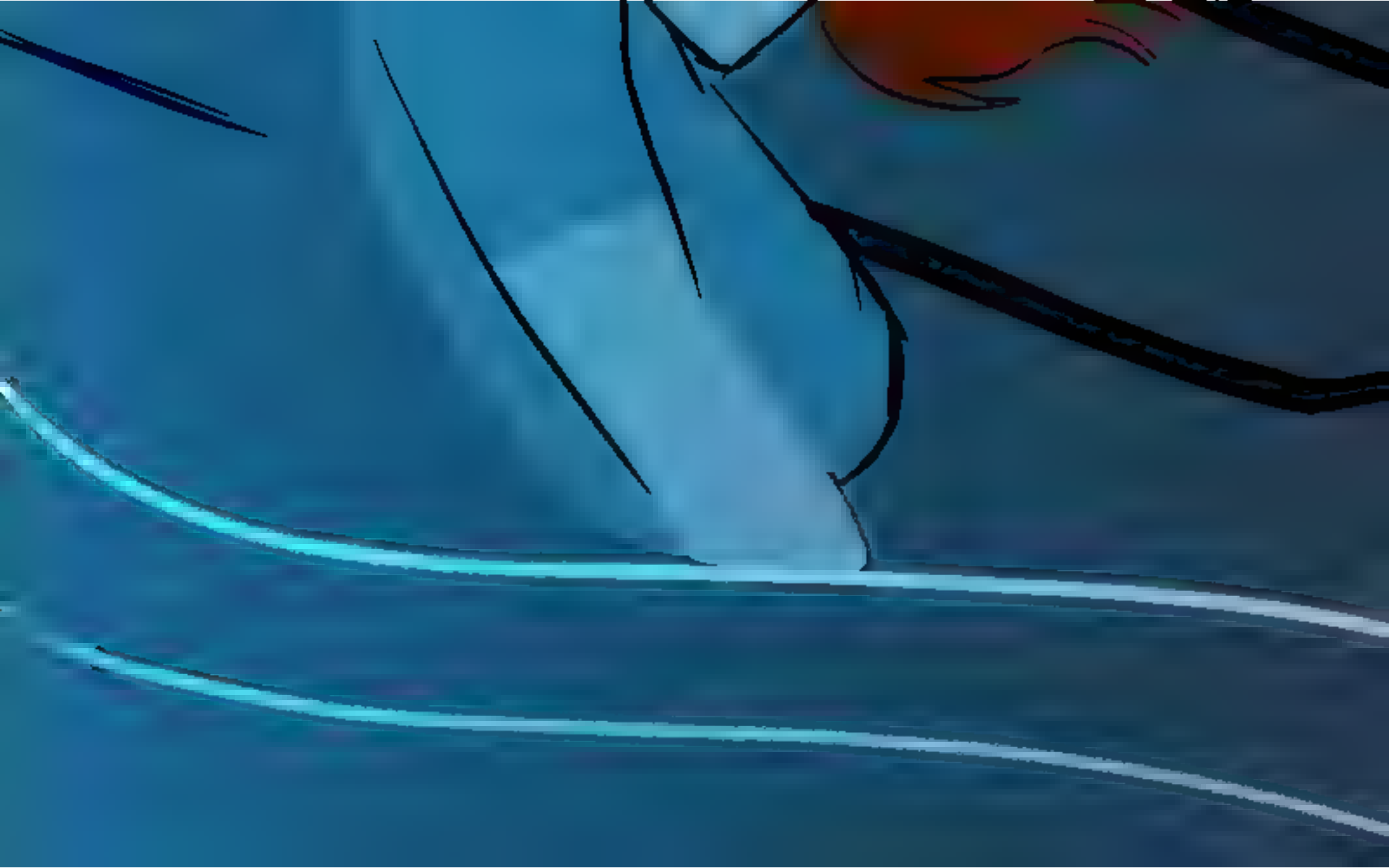
MPH!

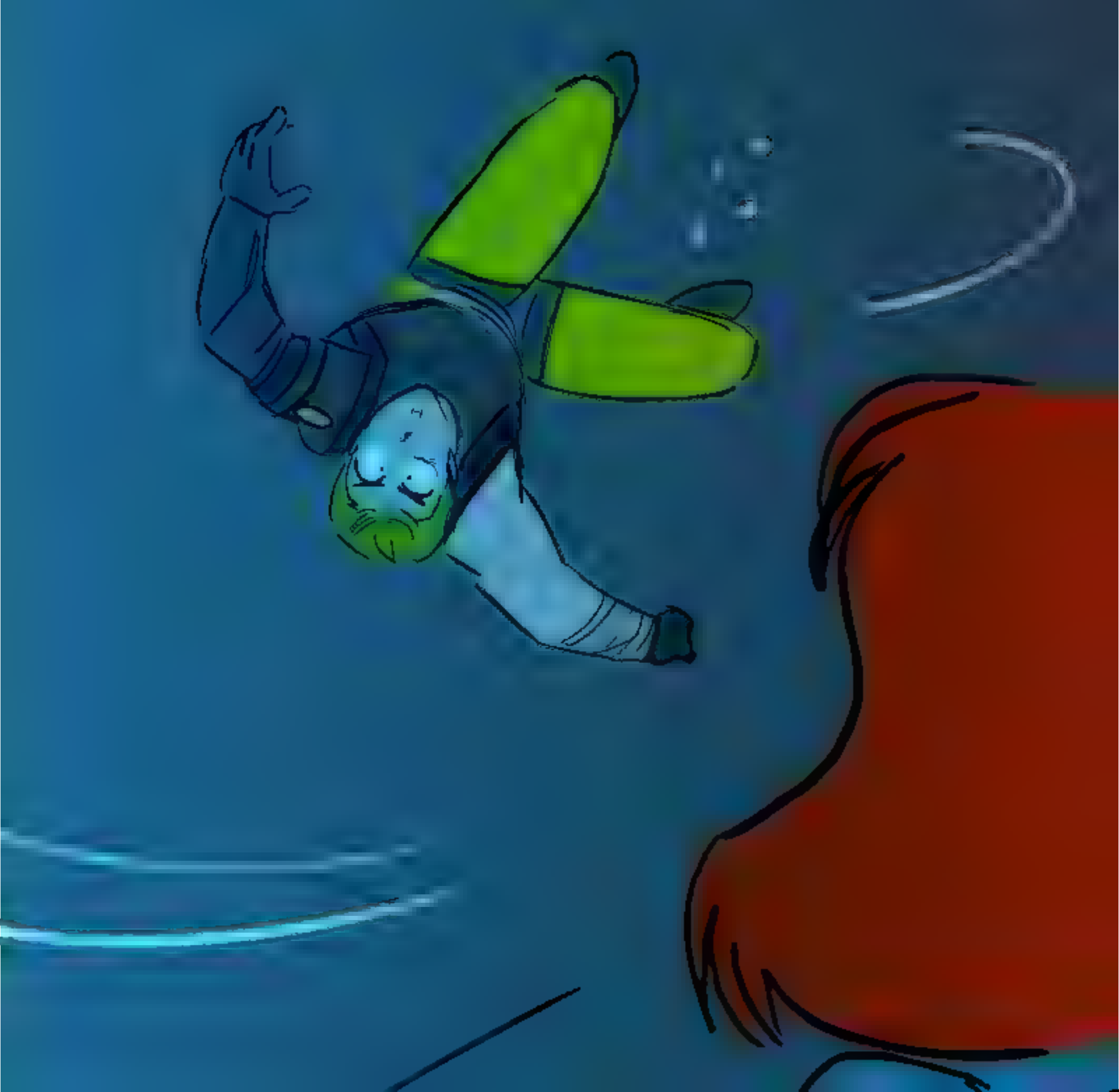


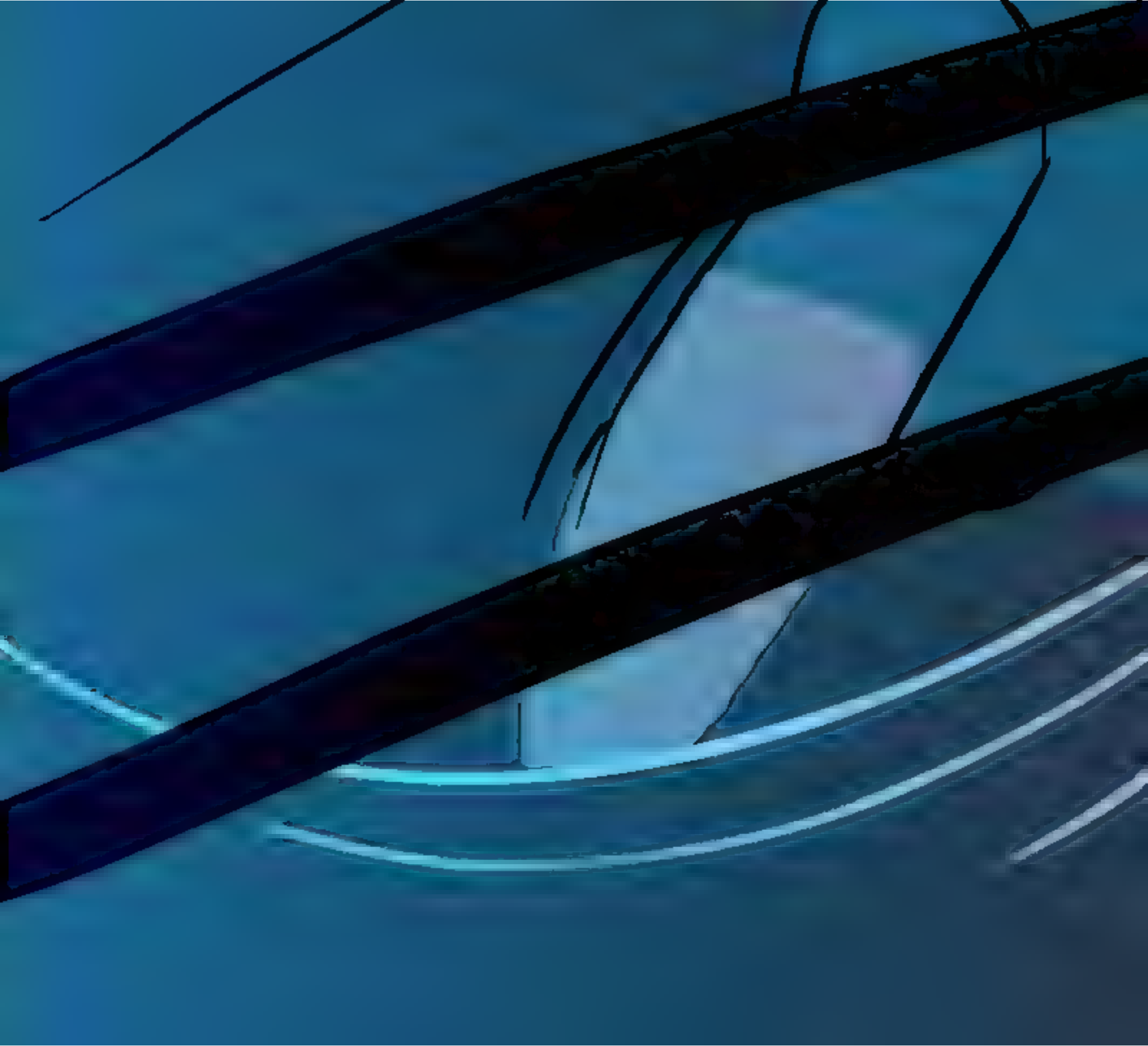


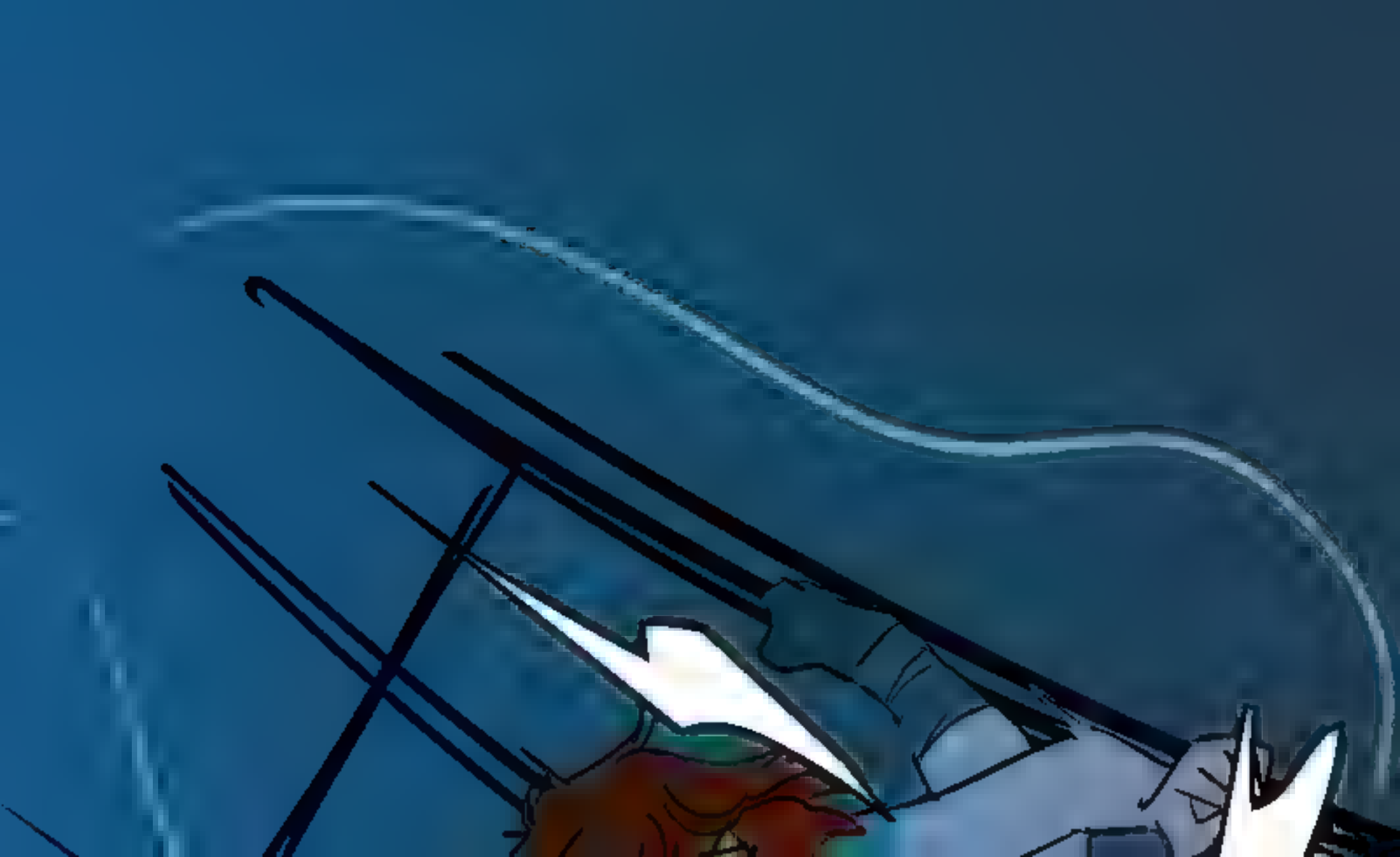






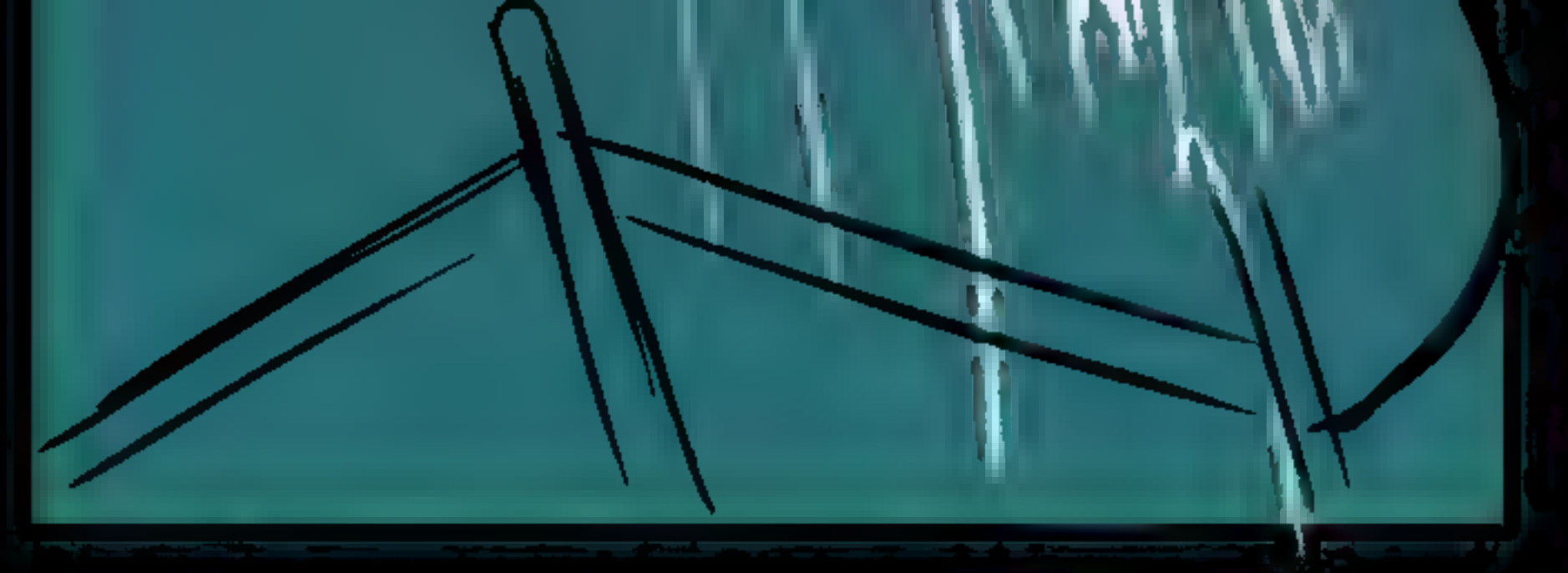






CRASH!

GUSHHH



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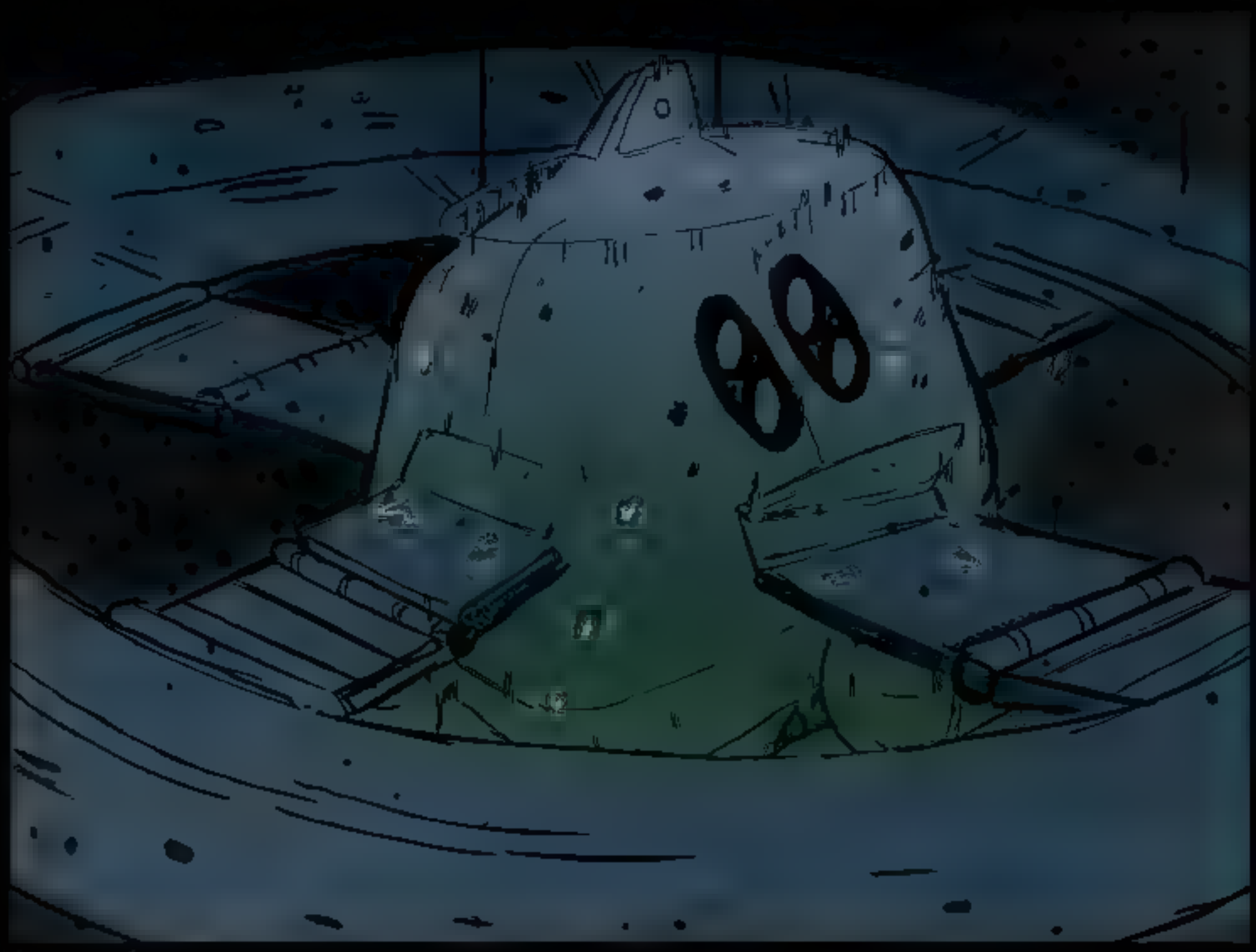
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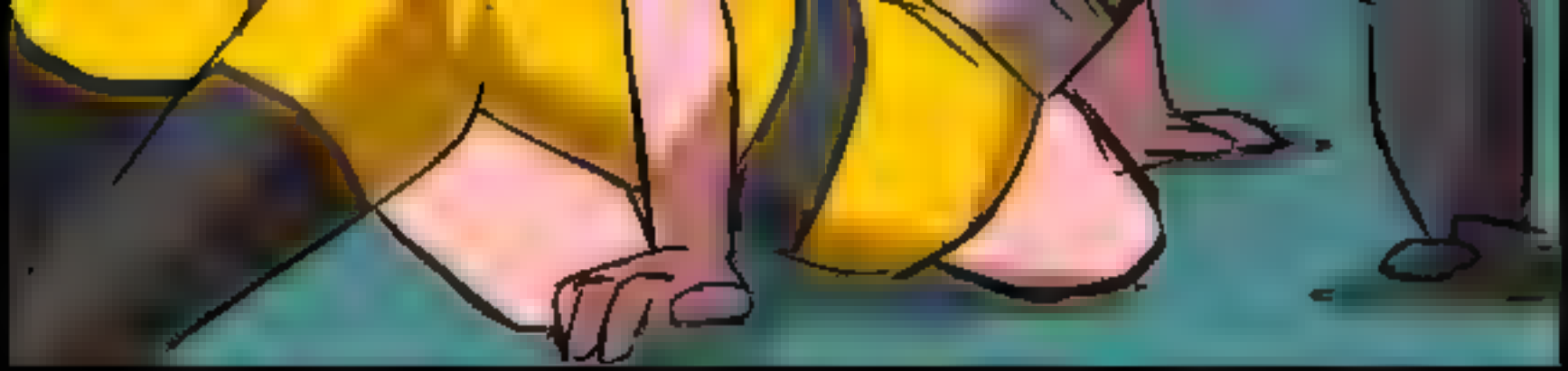
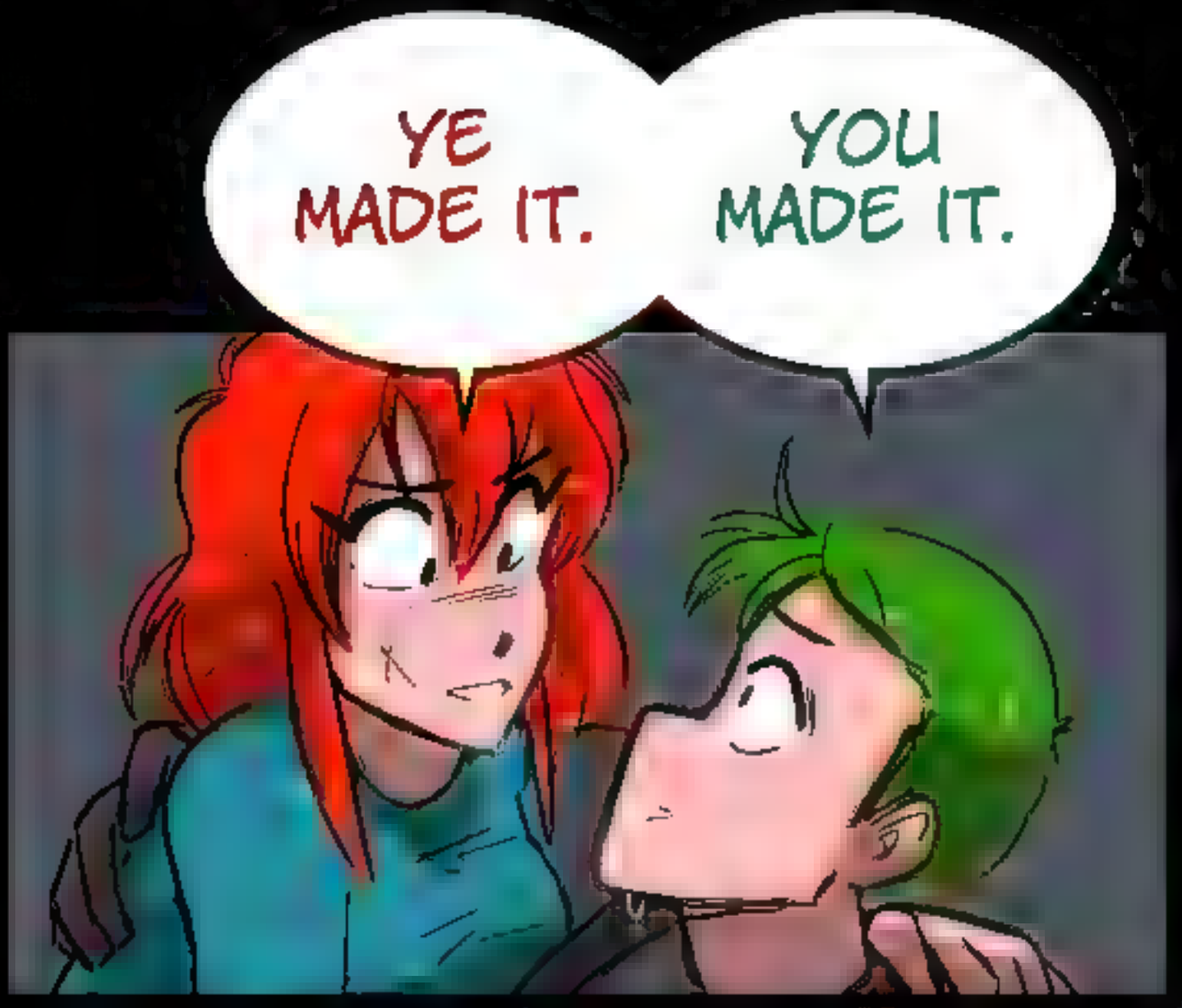
GASP!!!

COUGH!
COUGH!




YE MADE IT.
YOU MADE IT.

IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU TWO GETTING ALONG NOW, BUT WE'VE GOT COMPANY!

THIS
PLACE...

THESE GUYS...

HOW?!
WHY ARE WE
BACK HERE?!

SCREEEESH!!!!

CRAWL
SCRAPE
SCREEECH!!!
SLIDE

I NEVER THOUGHT THOSE GUYS COULD GET MORE HORRIFYING.

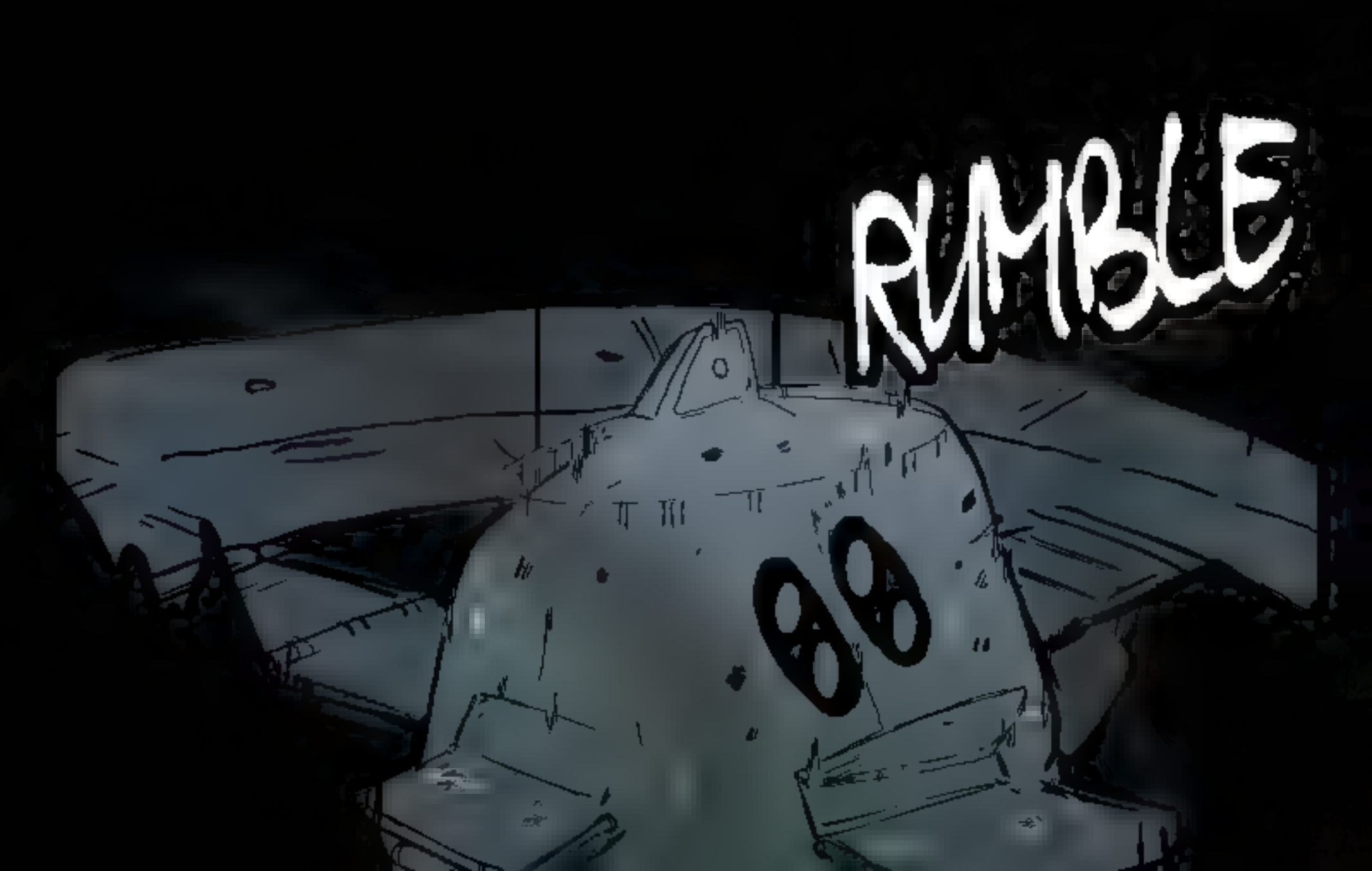
TAK
TAK

DON'T WORRY! WE SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH JUICE FOR ONE MORE JUMP!

BETTER MAKE IT COUNT.

BEEP!

HOLD ON...
THIS COULD BE A
LITTLE ROUGH.


RUMBLE
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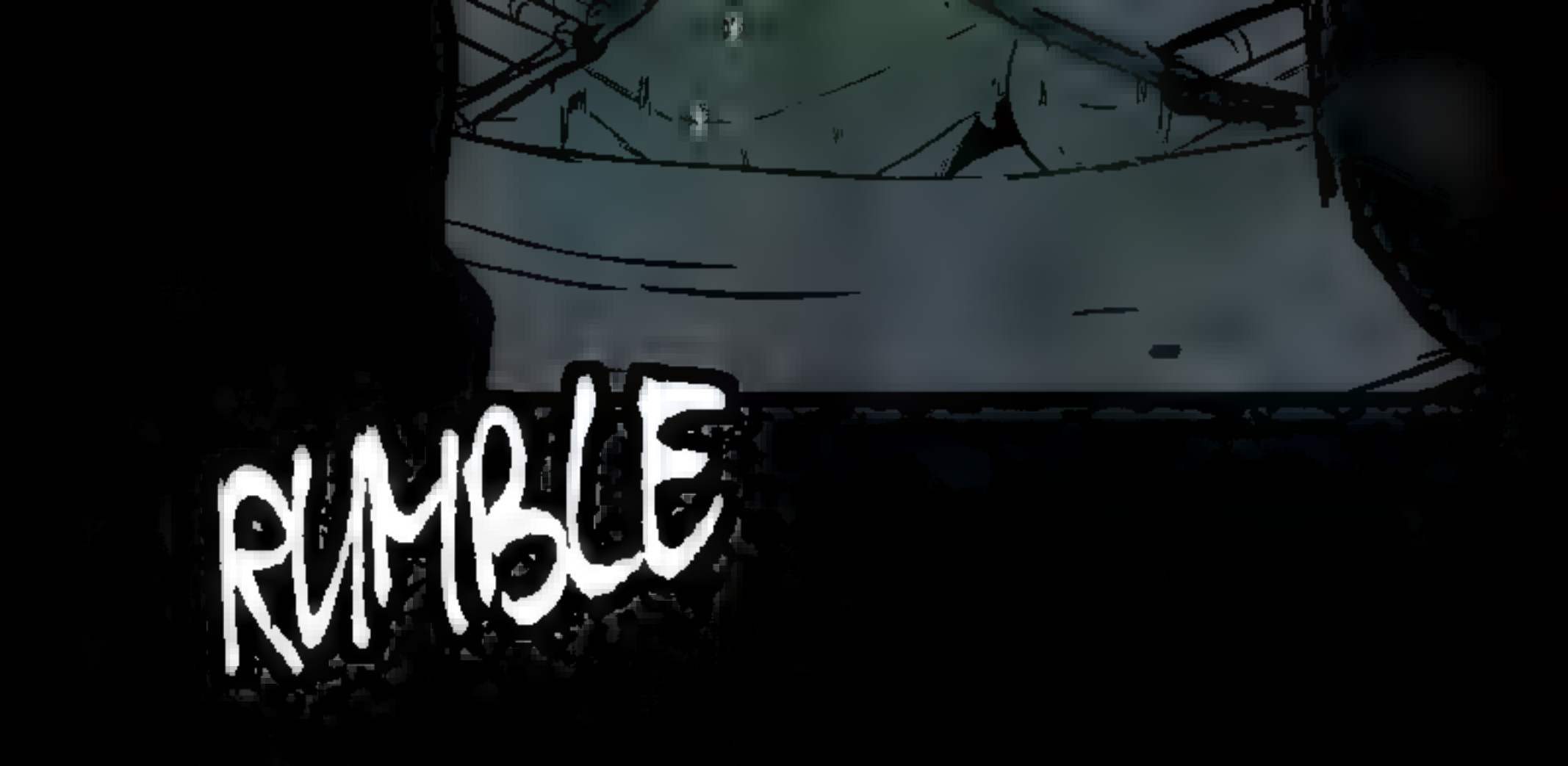
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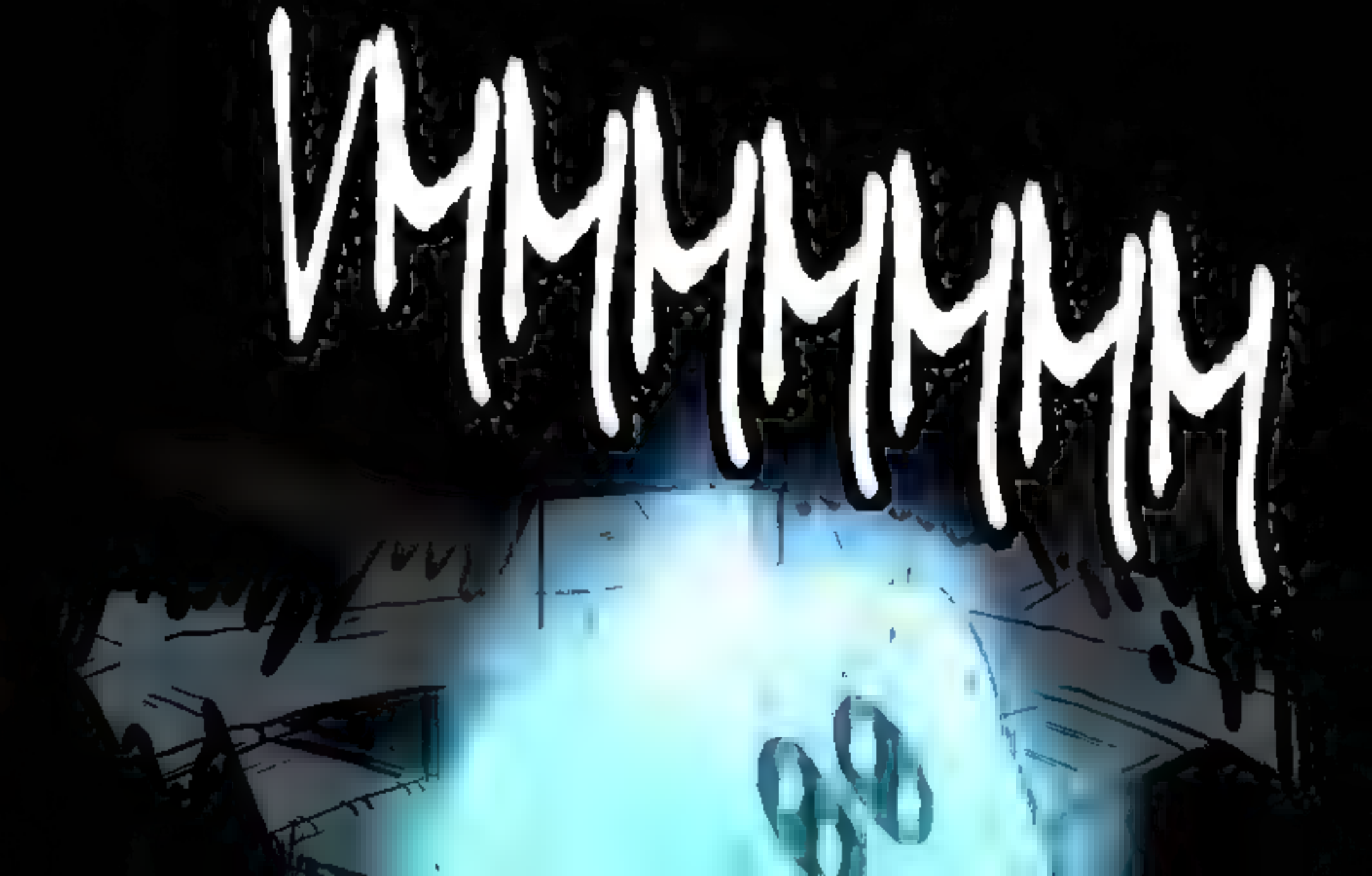
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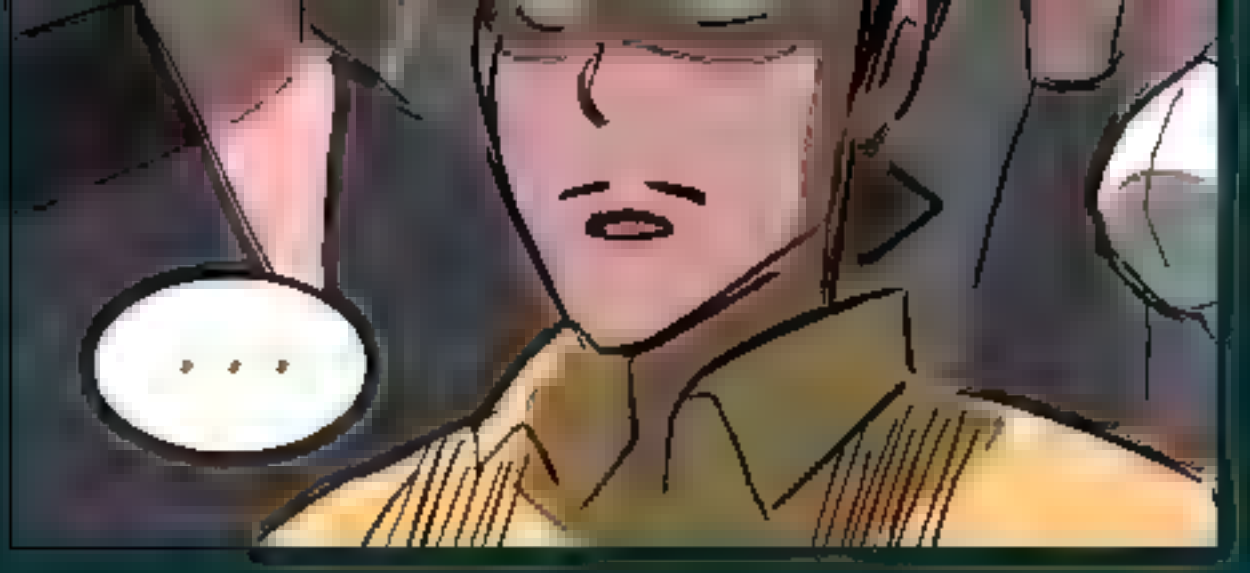
MMMMMM

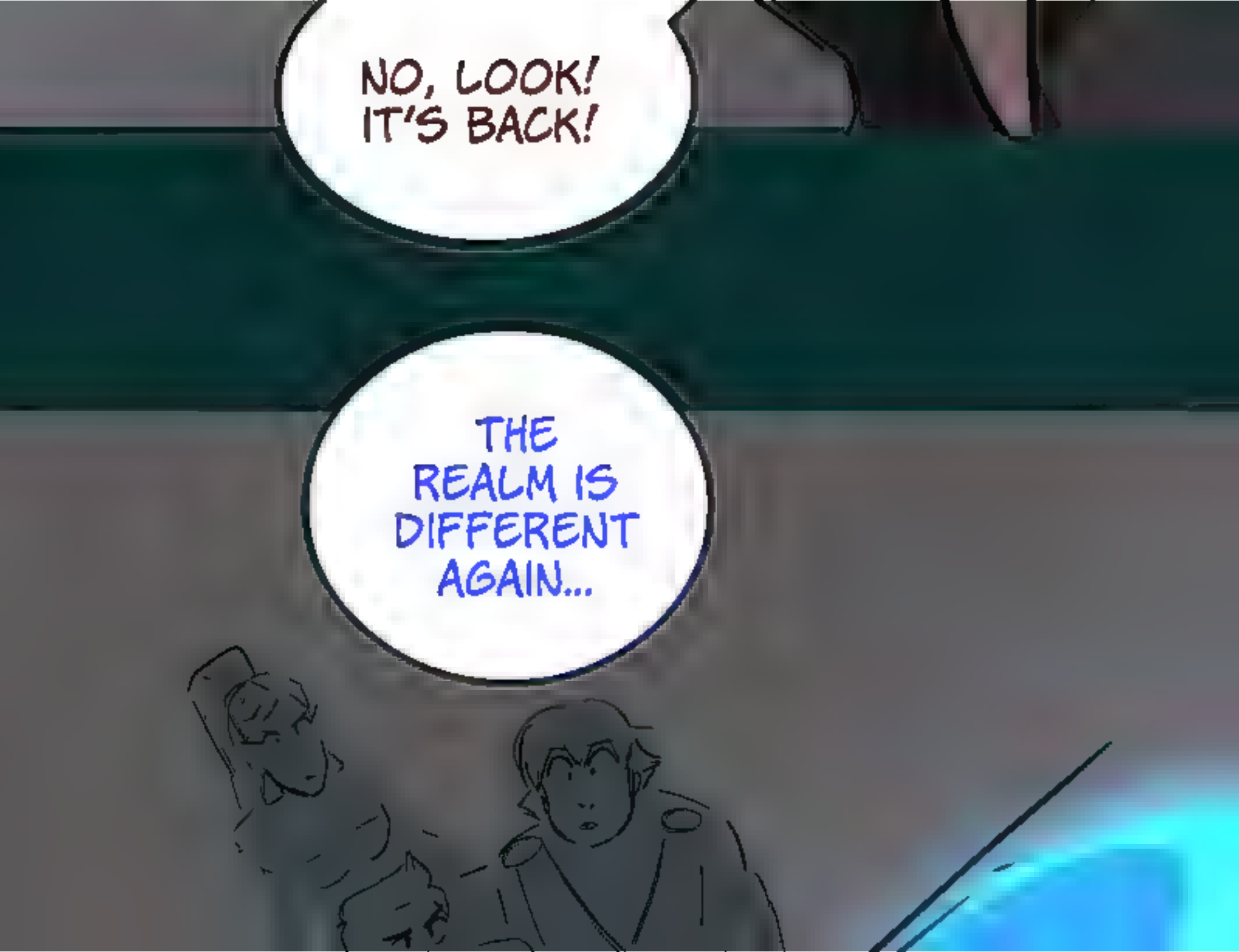
DISAPPEAR

SCREECH!

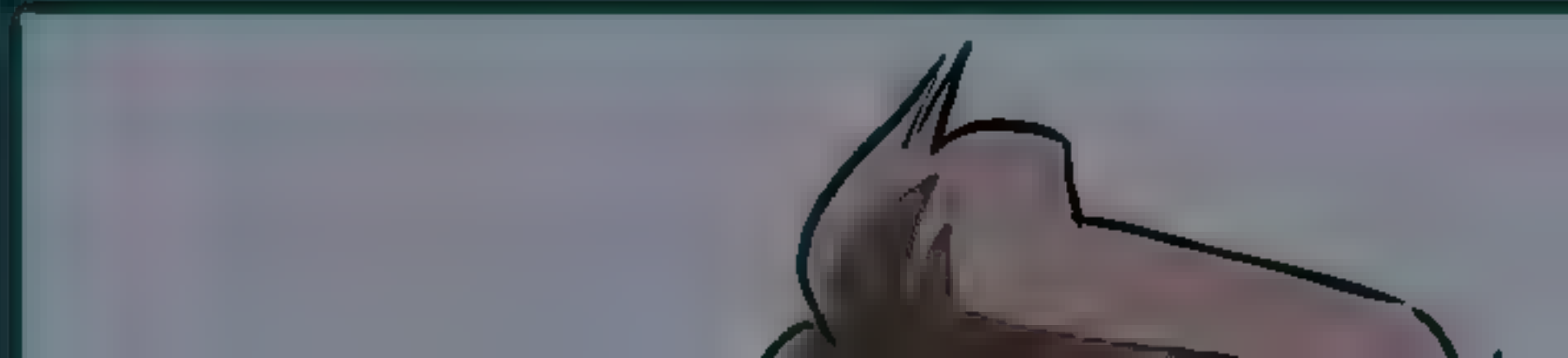
BEEEEEEEEP

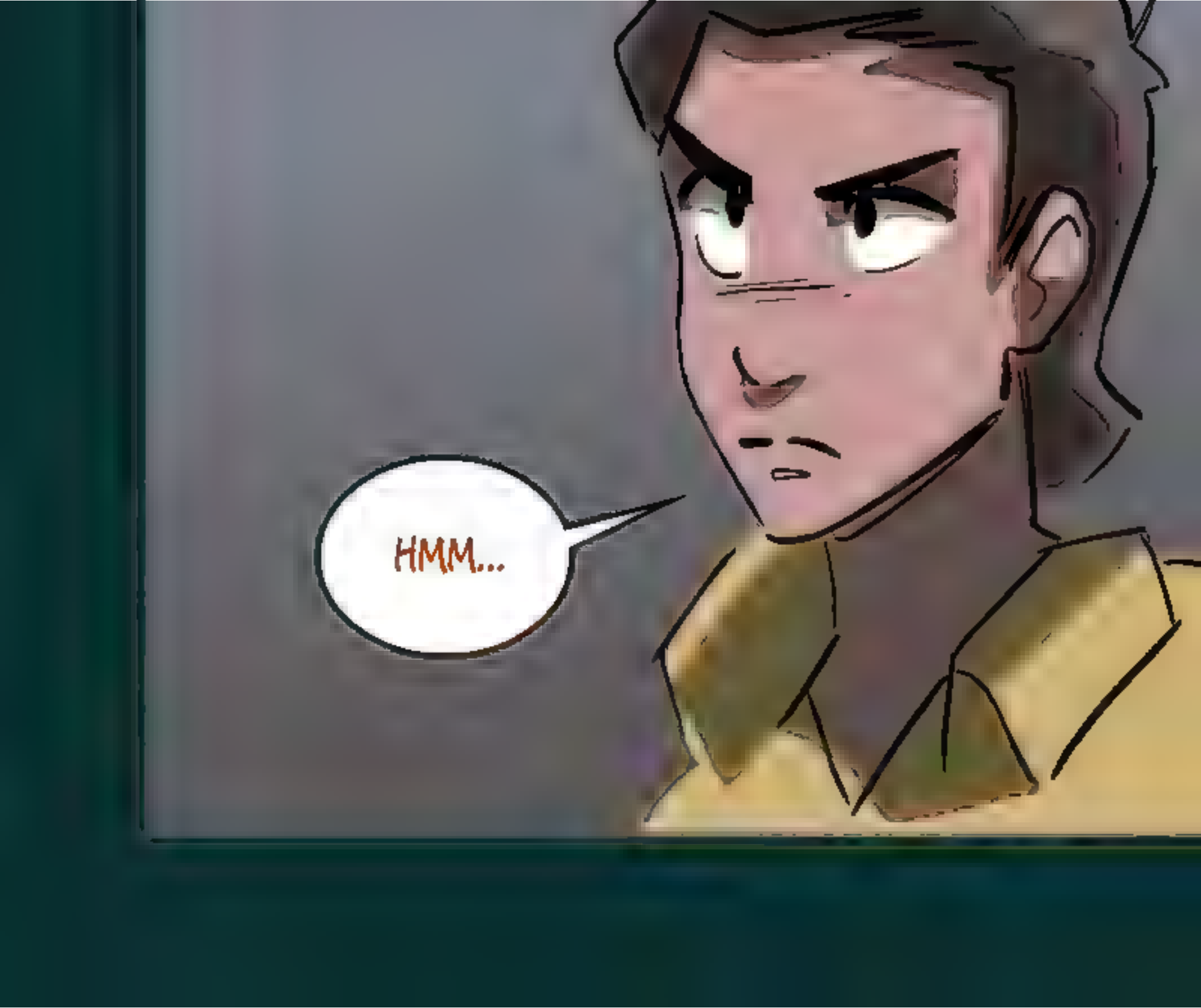
WHAT THE... IT DISAPPEARED AGAIN!




NO, LOOK!
IT'S BACK!
THE
REALM IS
DIFFERENT
AGAIN...

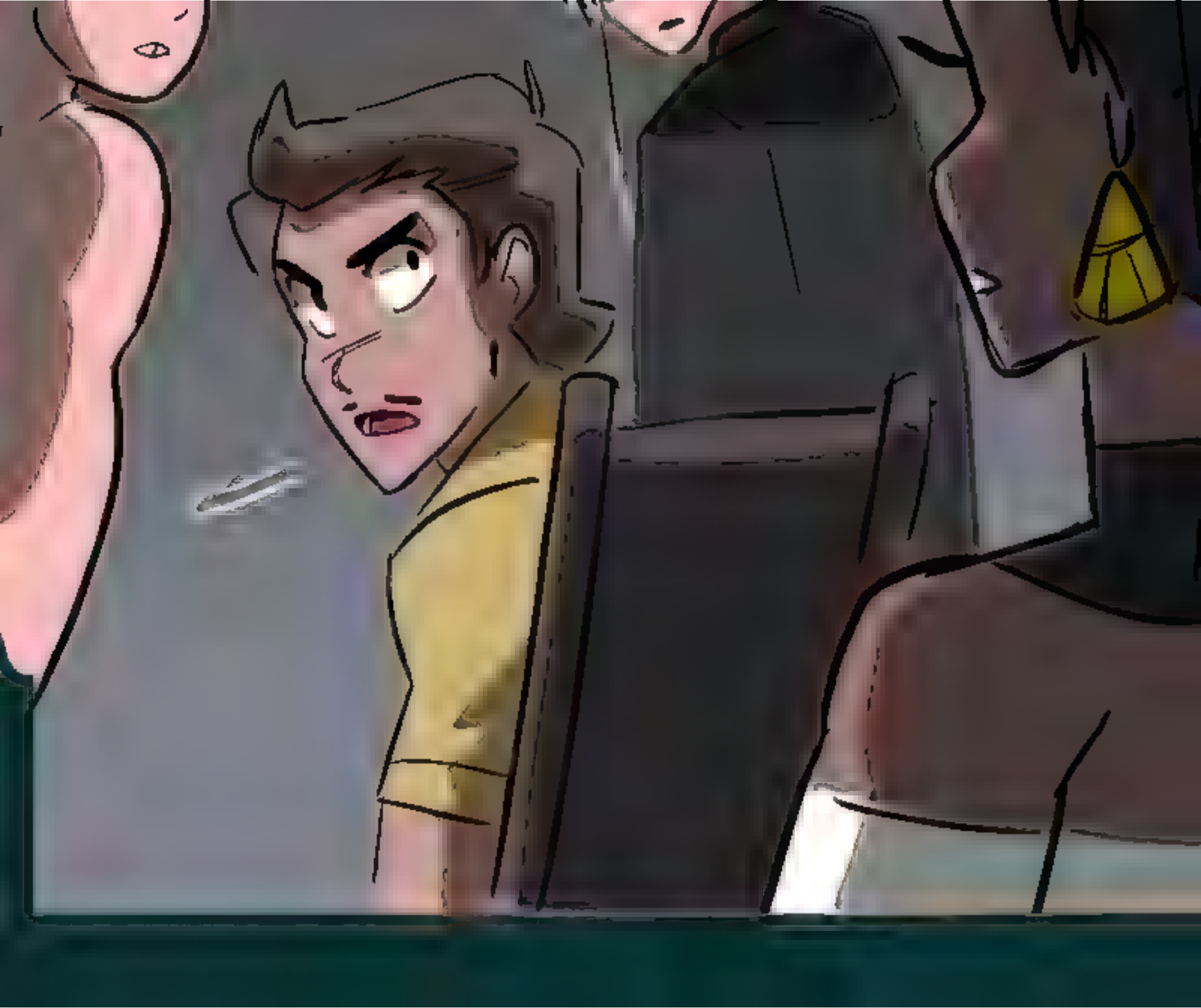
...MAYBE IT'S JUST BROKEN?

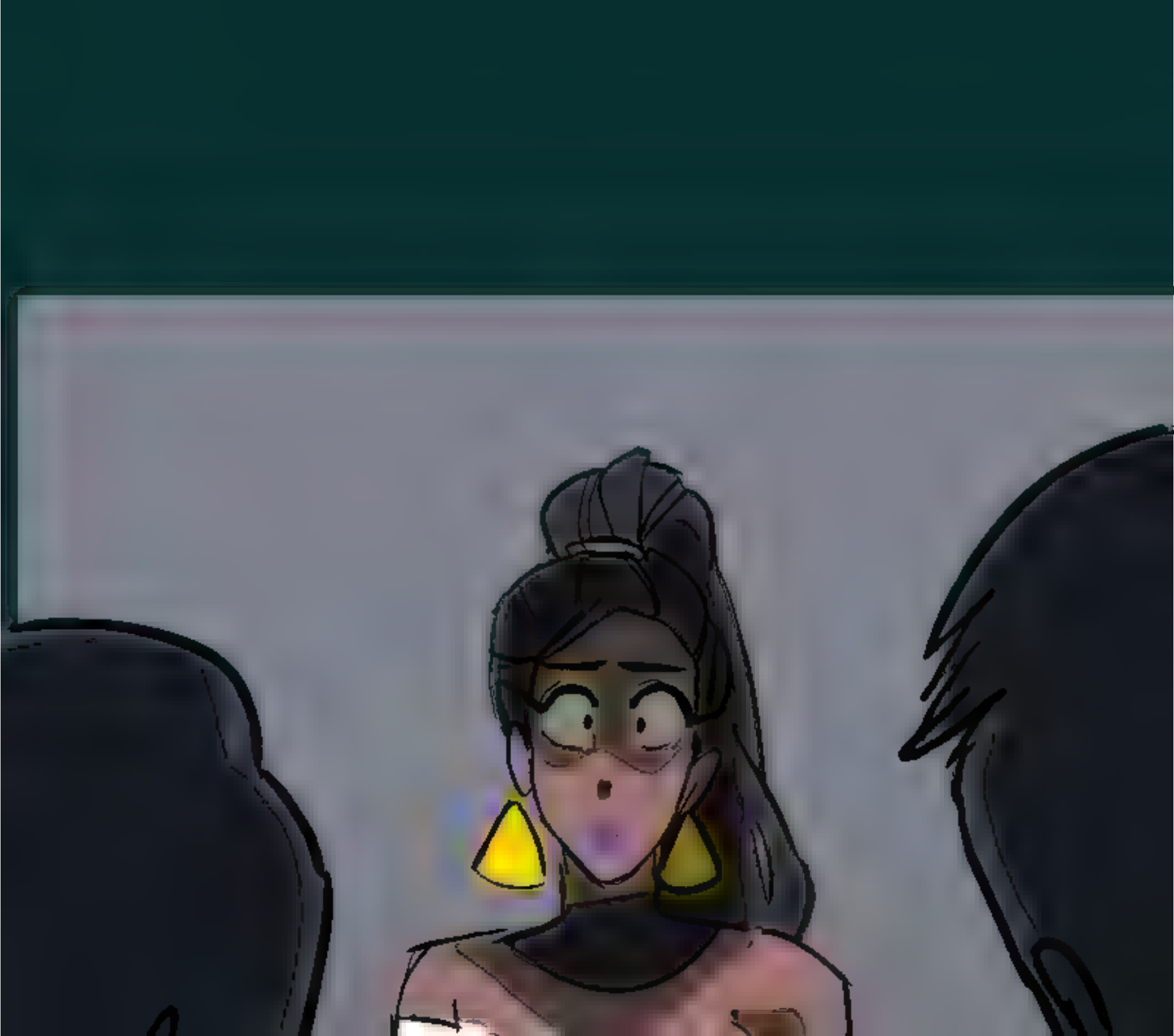


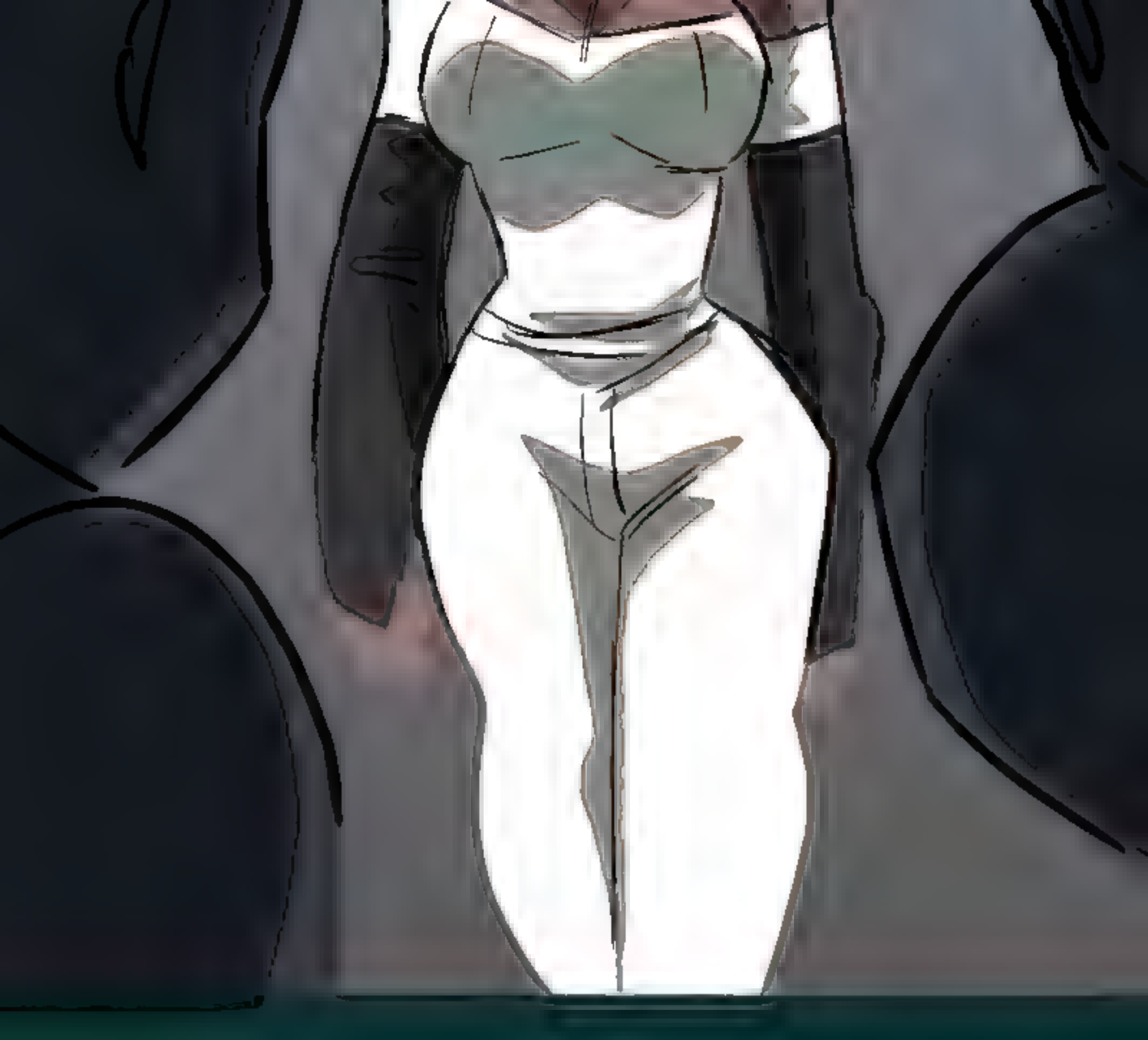

HMM...

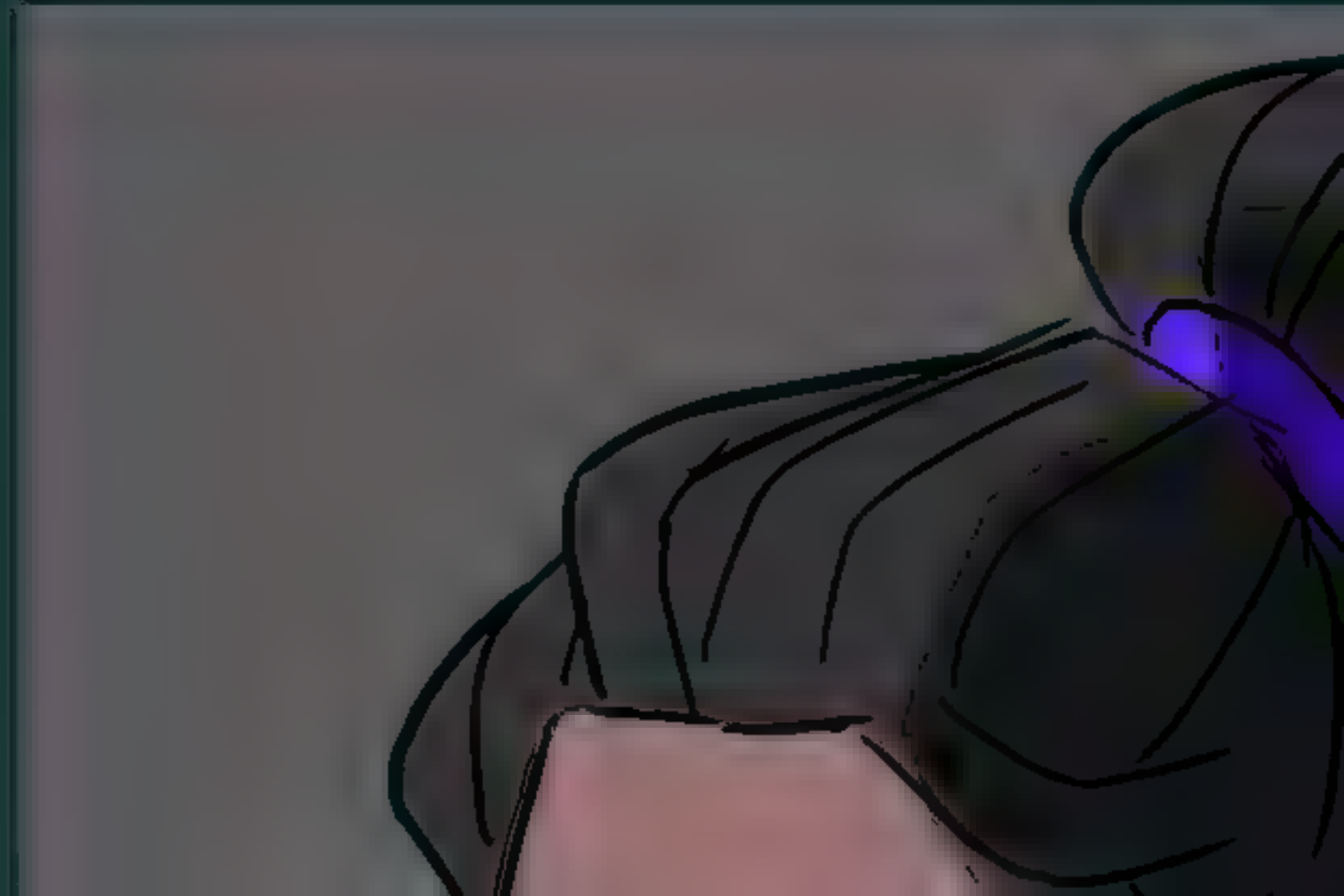
WHAT IF... IT'S A TRAP?

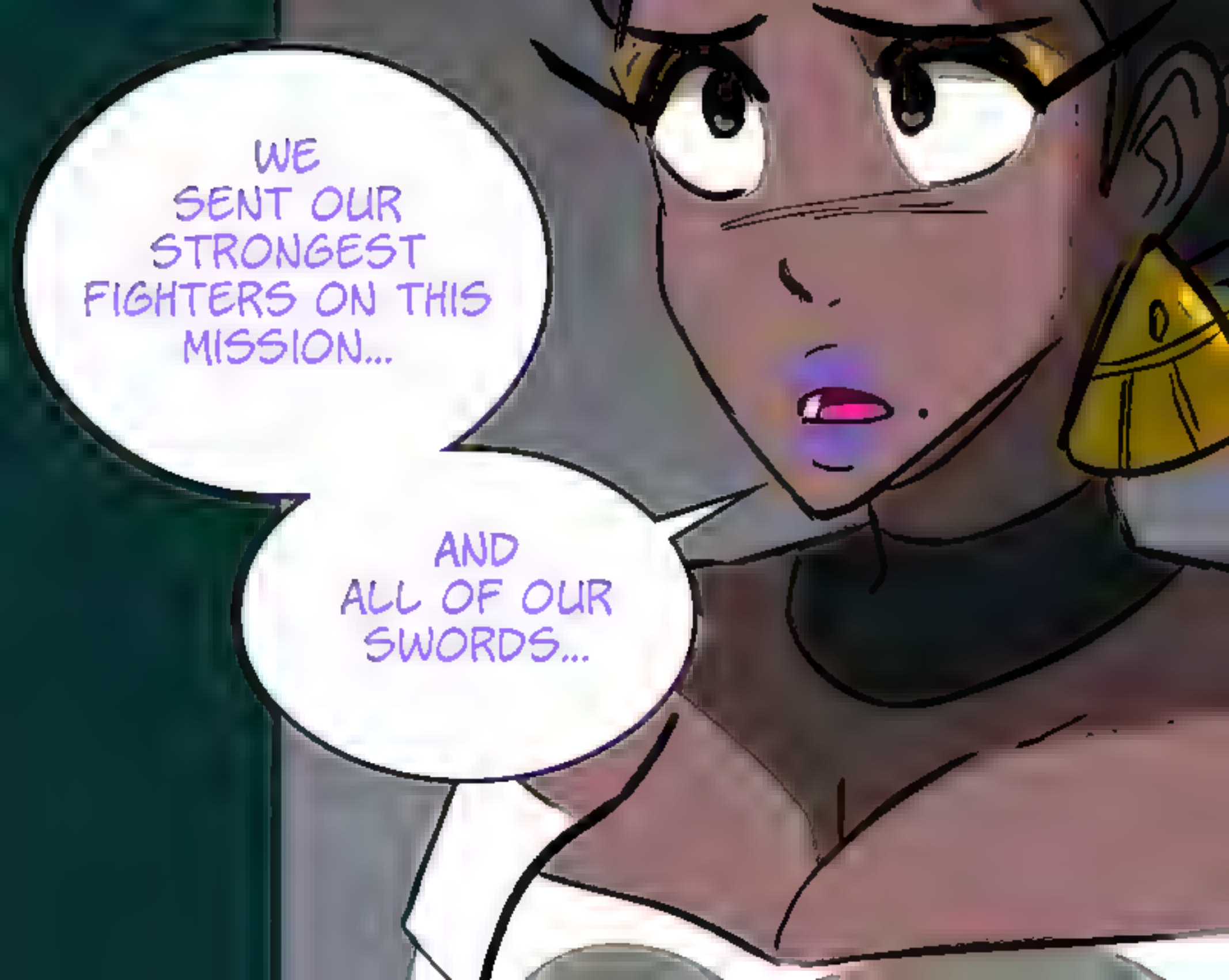
TRAP?
WHAT DO YOU
MEAN?

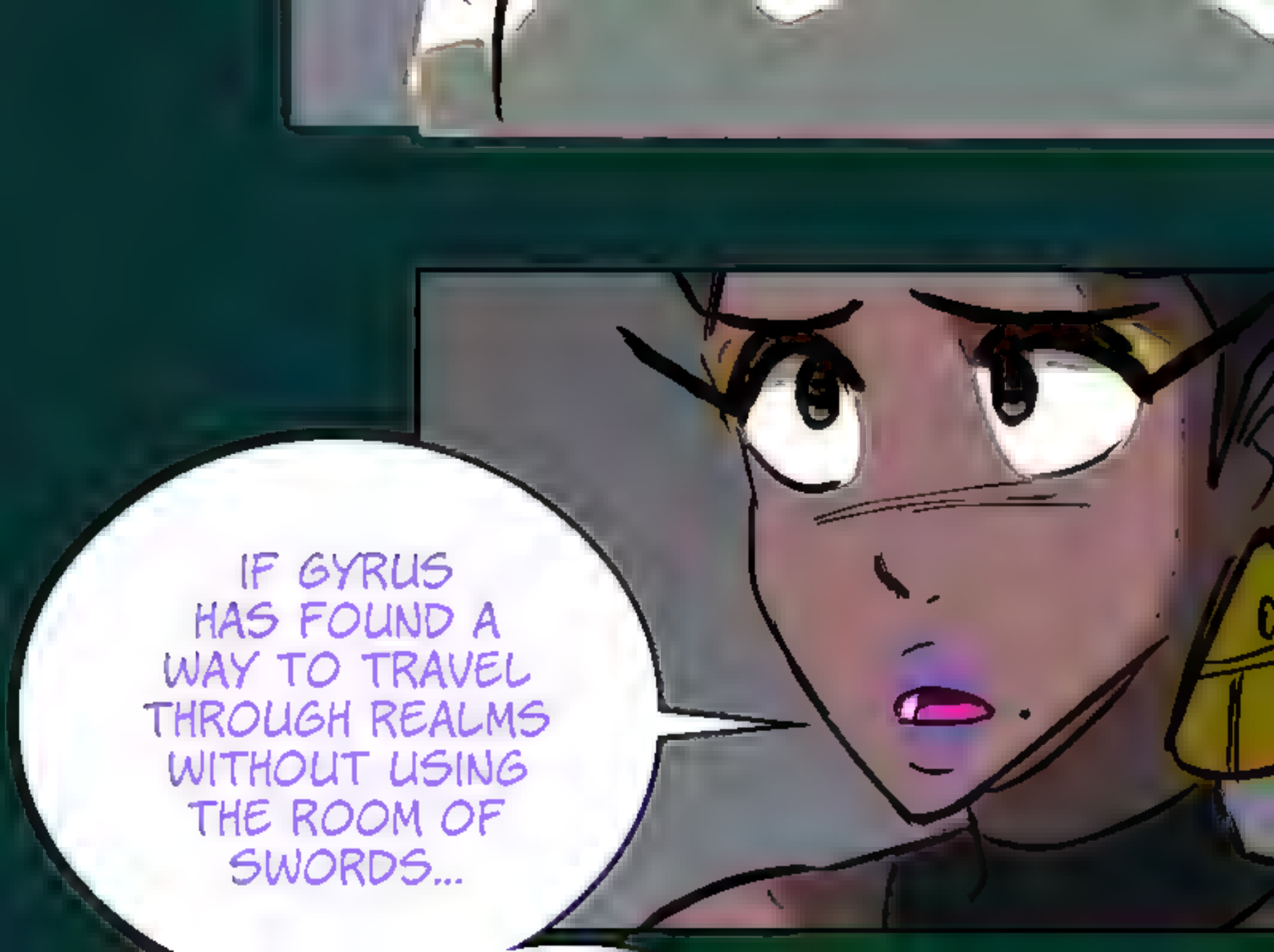









WE SENT OUR STRONGEST FIGHTERS ON THIS MISSION...
AND ALL OF OUR SWORDS...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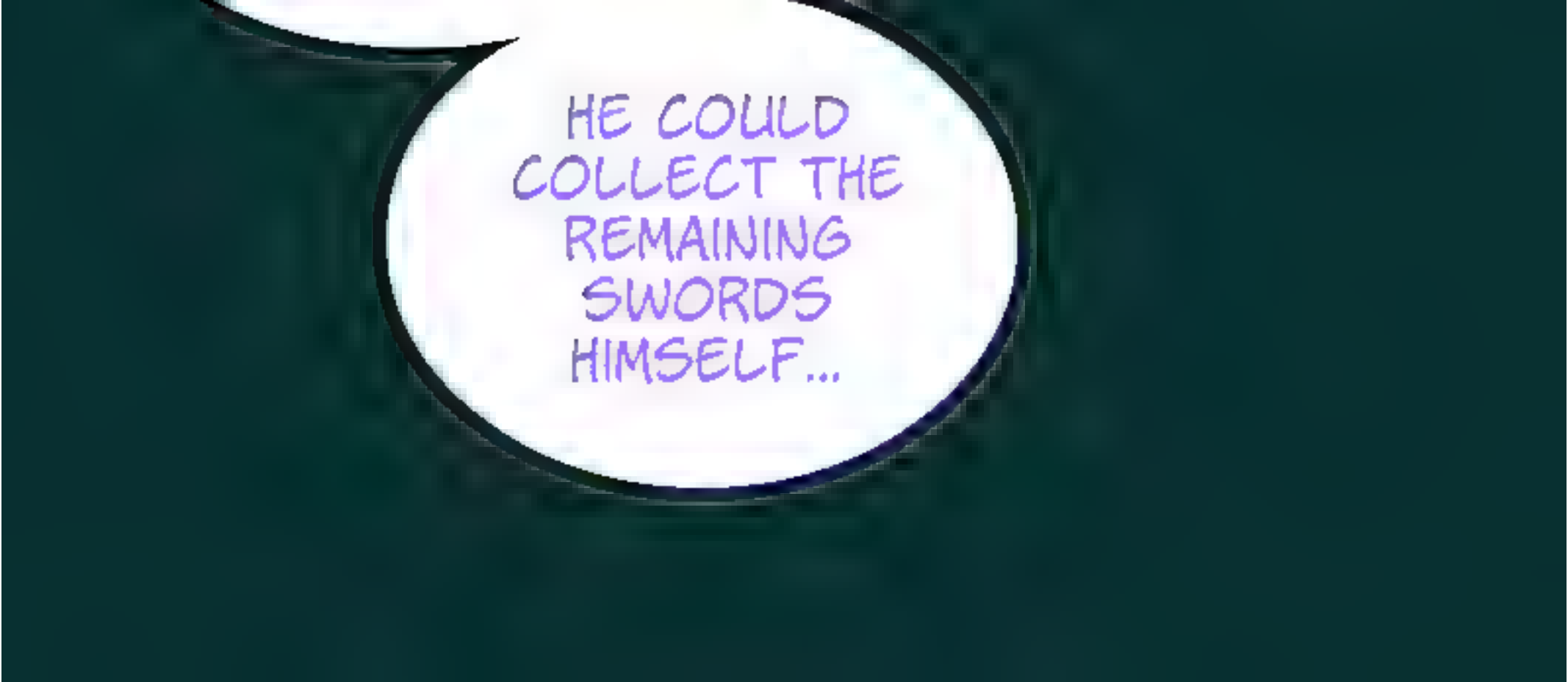
HE COULD COLLECT THE REMAINING SWORDS HIMSELF...

AND
THERE WOULD
BE NOTHING WE
COULD DO TO
STOP HIM.

ROOM of SWORDS

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